**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

**SYLLABUS**

1. **Course Number: 1600- 003: 1600-004**

**Course Title: Introduction to Fishing**

**Term: Fall 2014**

**Day/Time: Section 003: 12:30-13:45 : Section 004: 9:30-10:45**

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1. **Credit Hours:** 2 credit hours – LECTURE 1 / LAB 2

**Prerequisites:** None

1. **Texts or Major Resources:**

“How to Fish” by Alabama DCNR (pdf file)

1. **Course Description:**

To provide a basic understanding of fishing and lakes in and around the state of Alabama

1. **Course Objectives:**

The course will teach the student how to identify the specific species of fish in Alabama, have basic skills to throw eight different casts, read a lake map, identify baits/lures.

1. **Course Content: (assignment due dates/exams are in bold)**

**Week 1 (August 18,20):**

Course introduction and expectations

Rods and reels, what for best

**Week 2 (August 25, 27)**

Meet the Bluegill

Meet the Crappie

**Week 3 (September 01, 03):**

Monday, Sep 01: Labor Day- NO CLASS

Meet the Largemouth bass (part I)

**Week 4 (September 08,10):**

Meet the largemouth bass (part II)

Wednesday: Casting Day, meet on the Coliseum floor with rod and reel

**Week 5 (September 15, 17):**

Monday, 15th: Fishing Day: Meet at Ag Heritage park

Meet the Spotted bass

**Week 6 (September 22, 24):**

Monday, 22nd: Casting Day, meet on Coliseum floor with rod and reel

Meet the Striped bass

**Week 7 (September 29, October 01):**

Meet the Smallmouth bass

Wednesday, 01 Oct: Casting Day, meet on the Coliseum floor with rod and reel

**Week 8 (October 06, 08):**

Understanding fishing lines and knots

Understanding weather patterns and how it affects fishing

**Week 9 (October 13, 15):**

NO CLASS

**Week 10 (October 20, 22):**

Monday, 20th: Fishing Day, meet at Ag Heritage Park

Where to buy tackle and where can you get good deals ((not cheap deals)

**Week 11 (October 27, 29):**

Meet the Shoal bass

Understanding basic sonar electronics and maps

**Week 12 (November 03, 05):**

Areas to fish in and around Auburn without a boat

So you want to test your fishing skills (AU Bass Sports Club) ??

**Week 13 (November 10, 12):**

Casting completion both days on Coliseum floor **,** bring your rod and reels

**Week 14 (November 17, 19):**

Monday, 17th: Final day of the casting competition

Wednesday: Fishing Day, meet at Ag Heritage Park

**Week 15 (December 01, 03):**

Monday: Water safety, first aid, and sun screen

**Wednesday: FINAL EXAM**

1. **Course Requirements / Evaluation:**

Participation - requires students be dressed appropriately and fully take part in daily activities and exercises. Participation will be graded based on instructor observation.

Final Exam – A comprehensive written assessment of concepts and techniques used in the course.

Grading Scale:

A = 100 – 90%

B = 89 – 80%

C = 79 – 70%

D = 69 – 60%

F = Below 60%

1. **Course Policy Statements:**

A. Attendance:

**Physical Activity and Wellness Program Attendance Policy**

The material and experiences in this class are important and if you are not in class, you cannot take an active role as a student. Class attendance and appropriate participation is paramount to your success as a student. Participation is defined as, but not limited to, “fully engaging in the course content and activities at a level that is deemed appropriate by the instructor.” Failure to appropriately participate in the course content and activities will result in a deduction of points from a student’s overall course grade. Students arriving tardy to class will lose 1 point from their final grade per offense. Unexcused absences cannot be made up and will result in a 3 point deduction from the student’s final grade per absence. **Once a student has accrued five unexcused absences he/she will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA (as stipulated by the Physical Activity and Wellness Program guidelines).**

**Moreover, students who accrue eight (8) absences (excused, unexcused and/or combination of each type) will not be permitted to take the final examination and will receive a grade of FA.**

B. Excused Absences:

Students are granted excused absences from class for the following reasons: illness of the student or serious illness of a member of the student’s immediate family, the death of a member of the student’s immediate family, trips for student organizations sponsored by an academic unit, trips for university classes, trips for participation in intercollegiate athletic events, subpoena for a court appearance, and religious holidays. Students who wish to have an excused absence from class for any other reason must contact the instructor in advance of the absence to request permission. The instructor will weigh the merits of the request and render a decision. When feasible, the student must notify the instructor prior to the occurrence of any excused absences, but in no case shall such notification occur more than one week after the absence. Appropriate documentation for all excused absences is required. Please refer to the Auburn University Student Policy eHandbook [www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies](http://www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies) for more information on excused absences.

C. Make-Up Policy:

Arrangement to make up missed examinations due to properly authorized excused absences must be initiated by the student within one week from the end of the period of the excused absences. Except in unusual circumstances, such as continued absence of the student or the advent of University holidays, a make-up exam will take place within two weeks from the time that the student initiates arrangements for it. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no make-up exams will be arranged during the last three days before the final exam period begins. The format of the make-up exam will be as specified by the instructor. If the student fails to follow these instructions the excused absence in question will be calculated as an unexcused absence.

Course Contingency: If normal class and/or lab activities are disrupted due to illness, emergency, or crisis situation, the syllabus and other course plans and assignments may be modified to allow completion of the course. If this occurs, an addendum will be made to your syllabus and/or course assignments will replace the original material.

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather, check your Auburn email account for alternative class location and/or assignments.

**9. Academic Honesty Policy:**

All portions of the Auburn University student academic honesty code (Title XII) found in the Auburn University Student Policy eHandbook www.auburn.edu/studentpolicies will apply to this class. All academic honesty violations or alleged violations of the SGA Code of Laws will be reported to the Office of the Provost, which will then refer the case to the Academic Honesty Committee.

**10. Disability Accommodations:**

Students who need accommodations are asked to electronically submit their approved accommodations through AU Access and to arrange a meeting during office hours the first week of classes, or as soon as possible if accommodations are needed immediately. If you have a conflict with my office hours, an alternate time can be arranged. To set up this meeting, please contact me by e-mail. If you have not established accommodations through the Office of Accessibility, but need accommodations, make an appointment with the Office of Accessibility, 1228 Haley Center, 844-2096 (V/TT).