

COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: NATRS 203

Forest Harvesting and Products

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Text Book: Handbook for Harvesting Systems and Equipment in British Columbia..

Description of Class: This class is a Lecture/Lab combination that will cover; road location and design, timber harvesting operations, logging systems, definitions, safety issues, environmental laws (FPA), economics, and contract inspections

Lab/Field trips are Friday at 7:30 AM to 1:30 + PM ??  
DO NOT BE LATE. I will leave on time. Field trips involve visiting active logging sites, sawmills, and field projects. Dress appropriately.

Proper field attire for field trips is recommended (boots, warm clothing, hard hats {provided}) and lunch.

Grading:

3 problem sets @ various points	40
1 field project	50
3 tests @ 30 pt.	90
6-8 field trips @ 15 pt. (10-attendance, 5-journal)	<u>90-120</u>
	270 - 300

95% or higher = 4.0, 0.1 grade point deduction for each 1% below 95%.

Field trips and filed project can not be made up. Part of the grade is based on attendance. Excused absences will be granted only if a valid written excuse is presented. Any assignment turned in late will lose 10% a day it is late. **NO work will be accepted after 7 days from assigned due date.** Make up test will be given only when there is a **valid** written excuse turned into me **before** the date of the test. Make up test will be taken within **1 week** of the scheduled test date or you will receive a **ZERO (0)**.

Field trip schedule will be handed out when finalized. This schedule will be subject to change. I will give you as much notice as possible.

Be prepared to go in the field every Friday.

Field Project: You will be responsible for designing and setting up a timber sale for a given area, from start to finish. Your report will include road location, cutting unit layout and boundaries, determining what type of harvest system to use, right equipment to use for the harvest system chosen, determining landing location and number, transportation plan, completing a Forest Practice Act (FPA) application, maps of the area to be harvested, and any special areas of concern (insect/disease problems, harvest in riparian management zones, etc.)

The Timber Harvesting Report will be typed, 2 - 5 pages in length, not including cover page and maps.

## Course Outline

### I. Introduction:

- A. Coarse expectations and objectives.
- B. What is timber harvesting? And how it relates to silviculture.

### II Roads

- A. Road Location
- B Types of roads
- C Basic design parameters
- D Limitations

### III Timber Harvesting & Logging Systems:

- A Felling, Bucking, and Processing
  - 1 Definitions
  - 2 Process of each step
  - 3 Safety considerations
  - 4 Problems and Quality Control
- B Skidding
  - 1 Definition
  - 2 Types of skidders
  - 3 Limitations of each
  - 4 Safety considerations
- C Cable Yarding & Helicopter Logging
  - 1 Types of Yarders: Jammer, Highlead, Skyline, etc.
  - 2 Limitations
  - 3 Profiles
  - 4 Safety
  - 5 Helicopters
- D Loading and Transportation
  - 1 Equipment
  - 2 Limitations
  - 3 Safety

### IV Forest Practice Act (Environmental Law)::

- A How FPA influence on Timber harvesting
- B RMZ, Wetlands, etc

### V Economics:

- A Economic influences on timber harvesting
- B Preparing timber sale bid
- C Bid Procedures

### VI Contract Inspection