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Catalog course description: FIELD GEOGRAPHY OF OREGON II (3). Designed to introduce students to the widest possible range of topics on all aspects of Oregon geography within a limited time, then turn that experience into a viable research proposal. While physical processes are the primary topic, resource and environmental effects are stressed.

**Grading Policy:** Letter grades A-F. Grading is based on positive participation (30%), a field notebook (30%), and a written research work plan (40%).


**Logistics:** Travel is by university vans and costs are shared among the participants (normally around $100 per person for food and incidentals, in addition to the $150 class fee for vans, gas, and camping fees). Although we will operate in a wide variety of natural environments, each person should pack as lightly as possible. We travel by van and foot, and tent camp each night. Temperatures can range from 20-100 degrees F, so pack to dress in layers and be prepared for cold and wet, as well as warm. Some roads wind and are dusty – contact-wearers and those prone
to motion sickness should prepare accordingly.

Use a pack, duffel, or laundry bag – no suitcases please. If you have a large tent, and are willing, please bring it along. The department will furnish ice chests, stoves, lanterns and water cans for group use. It is wise to pack staple foodstuffs at home and carry them along - we will make occasional stops at grocery stores to add some fresh food to our diet, where circumstances permit.

We will meet four times during the fall quarter to develop and present a research proposal based on a topic related to the course. Meetings are Fridays at 1pm, so do not to schedule a conflict.

A basic check list should include the following:
• 2 pr. jeans, or light weight slacks
• 2 short sleeved shirts
• 2 long sleeved shirts
• 1 pr. sturdy, water proof boots or field shoes
• 1 pr. light shoes or gym shoes (running shoes if you run)
• a hat for shade, sunglasses
• scarf, gloves, knit hat
• underwear (incl. thermal) and socks
• 1 sweatshirt or light jacket
• 1 heavy, waterproof jacket
• rain jacket and pants
• towel, washcloth, toiletries (remember your deodorant, sun screen and bug repellant)
• motion sickness treatment and/or ear plugs, if needed
• spoon, fork, knife, cup, plate, small pot
• 1 'Rite-in-the-rain' field notebook and pen/pencil
• 1 flashlight or headlamp, pocket knife, matches, binoculars (rec.), camera (rec.)
• 1 warm sleeping bag (0 degree recommended), w/air mattress or pad (required!)
• 1 pr. shorts and bathing suit
• Thermos for coffee or tea (if you need during the day)
• Do not bring alcohol or recreational drugs.

In addition, each “food group” of five (to be organized at the pre-trip meeting), should have:
• cooking utensils/pots & pans
• Purell hand-sanitizer
• toilet paper, paper towels, garbage bags, sandwich bags
• matches/lighters, ice (try to get block, not cube)
• dish soap/cleaning sponge
• food for 2-3 days

The Outdoor Recreation Center in Dixon Recreation Center offers camping equipment for rent, as well as advice from experienced staff members if you need: 541-737-3630
http://oregonstate.edu/recsports/equipment-rental-bike-shop

Please attend our pre-field trip meeting on Friday, September 11, at 12:00 noon in Wilkinson 203. We will leave for the week-long trip from the front of Wilkinson Hall at 8 a.m. on Sunday, September 13. We will return to Corvallis on Saturday afternoon, September 19, so students will be back in time for various orientations.

Be sure to register for the class and buy the text prior to leaving for the field trip. Also, if you can help drive the university vans and are willing to take a brief (2-hour) video course, please let Melinda know as soon as possible before the course. The video and exam can be done online at: http://motorpool.oregonstate.edu/ then click on Drivers -> Training.

If you have any questions, contact Melinda or Stacey at the Student Services Office (541-737-1201, petersom@geo.orst.edu).

Students with Disabilities and Academic Honesty

"Accommodations are collaborative efforts between students, faculty and Disability Access Services (DAS). Students with accommodations approved through DAS are responsible for contacting the faculty member in charge of the course prior to or during the first week of the term to discuss accommodations. Students who believe they are eligible for accommodations but who have not yet obtained approval through DAS should contact DAS immediately at 737-4098."

For expectations of student conduct, please see:
http://oregonstate.edu/studentconduct/

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