ESR 424/524
Wetland Ecology and Regulations

Paper and Presentation Guidelines

Each student is required to prepare a research proposal dealing with some aspect of wetland ecology or regulations. This research proposal should include the following:

- Review of existing literature
- Need for additional research
- Your research idea
- Your proposed methodology
- Your resource needs

The topic of the research proposal is the student's choice, but must be approved by the instructor. In addition to the written assignment, graduate students are required to present a summary of their proposal to the class.

In choosing a topic, you should focus on one element of the topic (not the entire topic). For example, if you are interested in the effectiveness of wetland mitigation in urban settings, you should choose a wetland function to investigate (such as lowering peak flood-flow) and limit your study to one type of wetland system (such as smaller urban streams).

Your research proposal topic should be described in one paragraph and submitted on April 21st for the instructor's review.

Your proposal should be typed, double-spaced and approximately 10 pages. The proposal is due from all students on June 4th.

Graduate students are required to present a summary of their research proposal to the class during the last week of class or in the final exam period. Each presentation should be no longer than 15 minutes and 5 minutes for questions. You will have access to a computer and projector for PowerPoint presentations or an overhead projector. A sign-up sheet will circulated asking for your choice of presentation date. I will try to honor your first or second choice.

The grading rubrics for the paper and presentation are available at the course's website.