FW4170 - Consulting Forestry Syllabus

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Course Objective and Description: To learn the basics of running a consulting forestry business. Through a combination of lectures and field tours, students will gain knowledge necessary to run their own business while working in an ethical manner to generate a profit.

Philosophy: Over 50% of our forests are NIPF or Family Forests. In addition, the purchase of large land holdings by TIMOs and REITs is likely to lead to further fragmentation and more NIPF ownership. Family Forests and to some extent, TIMO and REIT holdings, are managed in large part by consulting foresters.

Course Requirements:


Dress: For the field tours, dress appropriately. Rain gear and work boots are recommended

Preparation: Students are expected to complete reading assignments before class starts and to have printed and read over the handout(s) for the current lecture.

Schedule (may change):

Format: Four days of lecture/discussion followed by a site visits to 5 family forests that have had management plans and/or timber sales conducted in the last several years.

Tests: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the start of class.

Group Assignment: due Friday morning.

Grading:

A 93%+, AB 88-92%, B 83-87%, BC 78-82%, C 73-77%, CD 67-72%, D 60-67%.

Tests: 20% each for a total of 60%.

Group Project: 40%.

Course Policies:

Tests: Tests are closed book unless the instructor indicates otherwise.

Missed days: It is impossible to make up a missed day in the abbreviated course format. Each day represents 6-7 weeks of class time on a normal semester schedule. Students who miss a day may be
required to drop the course at their own expense. Family emergencies or severe illness will be handled on a case by case basis.

**Tardiness:** We will start class promptly at the scheduled class start time. If you are going to be a few minutes late, notify me ahead of time.

**Teams:** The group project will be done in teams of 2 or 3. The instructor will assign members to groups.

**University Policies:**

Academic regulations and procedures are governed by University policy. Academic dishonesty cases will be handled in accordance the University's policies. If you have a disability that could affect your performance in this class or that requires an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please see me as soon as possible so that we can make appropriate arrangements. The Affirmative Action Office has asked that you be made aware of the following:

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