The Everglades: from beginning to end?

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D.M. 498 B    Office hours:  Tuesday 3:30 – 6:00 P.M.

Jan. 9  9:45 – 3:00 Everglades Roadside Clean-up: East Everglades (Chekika)
     In-service component: all-day Everglades Roadside Clean-up and Trail-trimming

Jan. 16 (NO CLASS) journal entry #1 due

Jan 23  Birding at Taylor Slough (Dry Season) and the beginnings of ENP
Reading: The Swamp Chapters 14-16 pp.239-303
     10:00 – 12:00 Anhinga Trail (Dry Season)
     1:00 – 3:00 Gumbo Limbo Trail and Old Ingraham Highway

Jan 30: (NO CLASS) journal entry #2 due

Feb. 6:  SRAI Proposal Due – must be submitted online to srai@fiu.edu

Feb 13  The Hole in the Donut Restoration Project: Brazilian Pepper Removal
Reading: The Swamp Chapters 17-18 and Epilogue pp. 304-370
     10AM – 12:00 Coe Visitor Center
     1:00 – 3:30 Daniel Beard Research Center (west of Anhinga Trail Area)

Feb. 20: (NO CLASS) optional journal entry #3 due (Extra Credit)

Feb 27  10:00 – 3:00 Shark Valley Bike Trip; meet at Shark Valley Visitor Center
Reading: Skinny Dip by Carl Hiaasen

Mar. 6: (NO CLASS) optional journal entry #4 due (Extra Credit)

Mar 26  SRAI: FIU University Park Campus 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
     Poster set-up: 8:00-9:00 A.M.  GC Center Ballroom
     Poster Session: 3:00-4:00 P.M. GC Center Ballroom
     Poster Breakdown: 5:00 P.M.

April 3  Poster Session at Main Visitor Center  (10 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.)
Set-up: 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Posters will remain in Visitor Center for 2 weeks.
     General Discussion with park rangers after poster evaluations

Grades:

Participation/Discussion  16%  Reading Quizzes  12%
Field Quizzes  12%  Journals  10%
SRAI participation  5%  Project (Poster Session)  45%

We will use the same format as last semester, with a few changes. Participation is the same – four points per class.
Only two journal entries (4 or 5 points each) are required, but you may write four reaction papers for a possible total of 20 points. They are due a week after each class, like last semester. Your journals may be creative reactions like last semester if you want, but since the theme for the course this semester is “saving the everglades,” more technical or project related papers are encouraged. Papers should be 1000 words in length (typewritten, double spaced) and must be submitted via e-mail. These will be run through Turnitin.com for originality reports. Please be aware of The Honors College’s zero-tolerance policy on plagiarism: http://honors.fiu.edu/current_policy_plagiarism.html

For creative entries (e.g., artwork), please leave in Prof. Machonis' office (DM 498 B) or mailbox (near DM 499 A), but consult with your professors before starting on a creative entry.

Quizzes will be similar to last semester as well, 4 points each with a bonus question. The morning quiz is based on the day’s readings; the afternoon one will be a field identification quiz. There will be no quizzes for the in-service January 9th class.

SRAI: To receive full credit for SRAI (5 points), you must submit an acceptable abstract to SRAI by February 6, follow SRAI criteria for posters, and set up your poster on UP campus for SRAI poster session on March 26. Extra credit (1-3 points) for being with your poster and answering questions from the public during poster exhibit, and being present at other SRAI events that day.

PROJECT: There will be fewer classes and no final exam. Instead, you have a project on some aspect of the everglades to design, develop and carry out. The results of your project will be displayed in a poster that is (a) well laid out, (b) accurate in content, (c) creative and original, and that shows (d) independent thought and interpretation and (e) use of appropriate resources. These will be on display for two weeks in the Coe Visitor Center, so they should be rather sturdy, as well.

Your professors and at least three park rangers will judge these posters, based on the following criteria: appearance (20%), content (20%), originality (20%), interpretation (20%), and research/work (20%).

REQUIRED BOOKS:

- ISBN-10: 0446695564


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