

Wildlife Management Minor

Goal 1- Understanding of Basic Wildlife Management Principles

Goal Description:

Students will exhibit mastery of key disciplinary knowledge in wildlife management.

Providing Department: Wildlife Management Minor

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Goal 1 - Objective 2: Understanding Habitat Manipulation Tools and Techniques

Learning Objective Description:

Students will develop factual and fundamental knowledge relative to creation, modification, and improvement of wildlife habitats and ecosystems. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to apply the gained factual and fundamental knowledge relative to habitat management and apply the information regarding basic assessment and field techniques.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Goal 1- Objective 2. Indicator 1: Capstone Project in WMGT 2301

Indicator Description:

All students enrolled with a WMGT minor must complete WMGT 2301 . In this course, a capstone project assesses their knowledge and application of material learned in the course. This project forces students into the field to assess wildlife habitats ecosystems. It then requires them to utilize the knowledge from the course to make an informed assessment of the current habitat sustainability based on target species density, and what recommendations are needed for the future of that habitat.

Criterion Description:

The goal for this project is for all students to achieve the goal of 70% of students scoring a 70% or higher on assessments.

Findings Description:

In the last year, 83 out of 86 students (96.5%) scored a 70% or higher on the capstone project in the course.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

Action 1.2.1: Capstone Project in WMGT 2301

Action Description:

As 96% of students were able to score a 70% or higher on the capstone project, in the coming year we will increase the goal to 70% of students will be expected to score an 80% or higher on the capstone project.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

Goal 1- Objective 1: Understanding Wildlife Population Dynamics

Learning Objective Description:

Students will develop factual and fundamental knowledge relative to wildlife management. Upon completion of the course, students will be able to apply the gained factual and fundamental knowledge relative to wildlife management and apply the information regarding basic assessment and field techniques.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

Goal 1- Objective 1. Indicator 1: Capstone Project in WMGT 2301

Indicator Description:

All students enrolled with a WMGT minor must complete WMGT 2301. In this course, a capstone project assesses their knowledge and application of material learned in the course. This project forces students into the field to assess wildlife populations. It then requires them to utilize the knowledge from the course to make an informed assessment of the current population status, and what recommendations are needed for the future of that habitat.

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New Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):

Closing Summary

After reviewing the specific Goals/Objectives/Indicators of this program, the faculty in agriculture have determined that these items do not wholly reflect the needs and goals of our current students. As a result, we will reevaluate all Goals/Objectives/Indicators to better match the needs of our program and the students who are part of it. It is expected that this will require a deep look at what is considered success in this area and will likely cause significant change to the Goals/Objectives/Indicators for the coming academic year.

Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:

In the previous cycle we focused on reevaluation of our assessment. The new assessment is closer in line with what we need to evaluate, but will still need look into if all items on the plan properly assess the goals of the program.

New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item

Closing Summary:

In the coming year we will increase the goals of the program and continue to evaluate which instruments best fall in line with the goals of the program. We will increase the grade expectations on the capstone project and also determine if additional assessment items need to be added or altered in the plan.