

## **Course Policies and Overview of Assignments**

Zoology 725, Spring Semester 2012

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Course website: <http://limnology.wisc.edu/zoo725/>

Office hours: I do not keep regular office hours, due to a busy schedule of meetings on campus and travel. The best way to contact me is through email, which I check several times a day. Some questions can be handled by email. For other questions, please use email to schedule a meeting or a phone conversation.

Readings: Students are expected to read all the assigned papers, except in a few cases where readings will be divided up among teams of students.

Term Project: Each student is expected to write a review paper on an ecosystem topic of interest to them. The review paper should be suitable for publication. This project involves the following steps. (1) A short (about 1 page) pre-proposal, which briefly explains the topic of the planned review paper (due 13 February); (2) A detailed proposal (about 3 single-spaced pages) for your paper (discussed in class on 26 March, and due in written form 30 March); and (3) The review paper itself, presented orally on 7 May and in written form suitable for submission to a journal on 11 May.

Evaluation of Students will be based on participation in class discussion and knowledge of the readings, and all aspects of the term project.