



**FWMT 1060 ORNITHOLOGY
COURSE SYLLABUS
Summer Semester 2018**

COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Hours/Minutes: 3/3000

Class Location: Swainsboro Campus Building (Bldg.) 6 Room 6209

Class Meets: Wednesday, Thursday (W, R)

Course Reference Number (CRN): 60146

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor Name: Jill Lehman

Office Location: Swainsboro Campus Bldg. 6 Room 6209

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Tutoring Hours: As needed

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S (STC) CATALOG AND STUDENT HANDBOOK

Students are responsible for all policies and procedures and all other information included in Southeastern Technical College's [Catalog and Student Handbook](http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php) (<http://www.southeasterntech.edu/student-affairs/catalog-handbook.php>).

REQUIRED TEXT

National Audubon Society Field guide to birds Eastern Region ISBN 0-679-42852-6 All-Weather Field Notebook #350.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES & SOFTWARE

Pencils, paper, highlighter, field manual, boots, and snake boots. It is recommended students obtain and wear sunglasses.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers the biology, ecology, and management of birds of North America with emphasis placed on the study of waterfowl and upland game birds. Upon completion, students should understand the biology and ecology of game birds and explain management practices for sustainable harvest.

MAJOR COURSE COMPETENCIES

Topics include identification, migration, courtship, nesting, growth, molting, feeding, population, and habitat management.

PREREQUISITE

Provisional Admission

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Identification
2. Migration
3. Courtship
4. Nesting, Growth, and Molting
5. Feeding
6. Population
7. Habitat Management

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COMPETENCIES

Southeastern Technical College has identified the following general education core competencies that graduates will attain:

1. The ability to utilize standard written English.
2. The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
3. The ability to read, analyze, and interpret information.

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to have assignments completed at the beginning of class on the date it is due. It is within the instructor's discretion to accept or reject late assignments. Unannounced quizzes are subject to be given on any day. Missed labs will be recorded as a zero. Fish and Wildlife Management program students must earn a minimum grade of C in this course.

ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Class attendance is a very important aspect of a student's success. Being absent from class prevents students from receiving the full benefit of a course and interrupts the learning process. Southeastern Technical College considers both tardiness and leaving early as types of absenteeism. Responsibility for class attendance rests with the student. Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes is required for student success. Students will be expected to complete all work required by the instructor as described in the individual course syllabus.

Instructors have the right to give unannounced quizzes/assignments. Students who miss an unannounced quiz or assignment will receive a grade of 0. Students who stop attending class, but do not formally withdraw, may receive a grade of "F" (Failing 0-59) and face financial aid repercussions in upcoming semesters.

Instructors are responsible for determining whether missed work may be made up and the content and dates for makeup work is at the discretion of the instructor.

Students will not be withdrawn by an instructor for attendance; however, all instructors will keep records of graded assignments and student participation in course activities. The completion dates of these activities will be used to determine a student's last date of attendance in the event a student withdraws, stops attending, or receives an "F" in a course.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Students with disabilities who believe that they may need accommodations in this class based on the impact of a disability are encouraged to contact [Helen Thomas \(hthomas@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu), 912-538-3126, to coordinate reasonable accommodations.

SPECIFIC ABSENCES

Provisions for Instructional Time missed because of documented absences due to jury duty, military duty,

court duty, or required job training will be made at the discretion of the instructor.

PREGNANCY

Southeastern Technical College does not discriminate on the basis of pregnancy. However, we can offer accommodations to students who are pregnant that need special consideration to successfully complete the course. If you think you will need accommodations due to pregnancy, please advise me and make appropriate arrangements with [Helen Thomas \(hthomas@southeasterntech.edu\)](mailto:hthomas@southeasterntech.edu), 912-538-3126.

WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE

Students wishing to officially withdraw from a course(s) or all courses after the drop/add period and prior to the 65% portion of the semester (date will be posted on the school calendar) must speak with a Career Counselor in Student Affairs and complete a Student Withdrawal Form. A grade of "W" (Withdrawn) is assigned when the student completes the withdrawal form from the course.

Students who are dropped from courses due to attendance (see your course syllabus for attendance policy) after drop/add until the 65% point of the semester will receive a "W" for the course. Abandoning a course(s) instead of following official withdrawal procedures may result in a grade of "F" being assigned.

After the 65% portion of the semester, the student will receive a grade for the course. (Please note: A zero will be given for all missed assignments.)

There is no refund for partial reduction of hours. Withdrawals may affect students' eligibility for financial aid for the current semester and in the future, so a student must speak with a representative of the Financial Aid Office to determine any financial penalties that may be assessed due to the withdrawal. All grades, including grades of 'W', will count in attempted hour calculations for the purpose of Financial Aid.

Remember - Informing your instructor that you will not return to his/her course does not satisfy the approved withdrawal procedure outlined above.

MAKEUP GUIDELINES (TESTS, QUIZZES, HOMEWORK, PROJECTS, ETC.)

No makeup labs will be available. Project due date TBA. Students are expected to complete all work. Failure to take the final exam at the end of the semester will result in a grade of zero. No make-up of final exams are allowed. Students are responsible for policies and procedures included in the *STC Catalog*.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY

The Southeastern Technical College Academic Dishonesty Policy states that all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to cheating on tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information, will call for discipline. The policy can also be found in the Southeastern Technical College Catalog and Student Handbook.

PROCEDURE FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

The procedure for dealing with academic misconduct and dishonesty is as follows:

1. First Offense

Student will be assigned a grade of "0" for the test or assignment. Instructor keeps a record in course/program files and notes as first offense. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

2. Second Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" (Withdrawn Failing) for the course in which offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of second offense. The Registrar will input

the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

3. Third Offense

Student is given a grade of "WF" for the course in which the offense occurs. The instructor will notify the student's program advisor, academic dean, and the Registrar at the student's home campus indicating a "WF" has been issued as a result of third offense. The Vice President for Student Affairs, or designee, will notify the student of suspension from college for a specified period of time. The Registrar will input the incident into Banner for tracking purposes.

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Technical College System of Georgia and its constituent Technical Colleges do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, sex, religion, disability, age, political affiliation or belief, genetic information, disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam Era, spouse of military member or citizenship status (except in those special circumstances permitted or mandated by law). This school is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin; with the provisions of Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender; with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; and with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

American With Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 - Equity- Title IX (Students) – Office of Civil Rights (OCR) Compliance Officer	Title VI - Title IX (Employees) – Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Officer
Helen Thomas, Special Needs Specialist Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 108 Phone: 912-538-3126 Email: Helen Thomas hthomas@southeasterntech.edu	Blythe Wilcox, Director of Human Resources Vidalia Campus 3001 East 1 st Street, Vidalia Office 138B Phone: 912-538-3147 Email: Blythe Wilcox bwilcox@southeasterntech.edu

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Grievance procedures can be found in the Catalog and Handbook located on Southeastern Technical College's website.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

Students can now access Blackboard, Remote Lab Access, Student Email, Library Databases (Galileo), and BannerWeb via the mySTC portal or by clicking the Current Students link on the [Southeastern Technical College \(STC\) Website \(www.southeasterntech.edu\)](http://www.southeasterntech.edu).

TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG) GUARANTEE/WARRANTY STATEMENT

The Technical College System of Georgia guarantees employers that graduates of State Technical Colleges shall possess skills and knowledge as prescribed by State Curriculum Standards. Should any graduate employee within two years of graduation be deemed lacking in said skills, that student shall be retrained in any State Technical College at no charge for instructional costs to either the student or the employer.

GRADING POLICY

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Quizzes	40%

Assessment/Assignment	Percentage
Exams	40%
Lab	20%

GRADING SCALE

Letter Grade	Range
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

FWMT 1060 Ornithology Summer Semester 2018 Lesson Plan

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 1	Course Introduction Identification	Syllabus, Work Ethics, Policies/Procedures for lab N.A. waterfowl CD, Power Points (PPTs), handouts	I.D. handouts on waterfowl wings, feeding , flying	1 a, c
	Identification	Age/sex/plumage and molting phases CD. PPTs, handouts	I.D. handouts on age, sex, plumage, molting phases	1 a, c
Week 2	Migration	Flyways of N.A. PPTs, CD, handouts	Study handouts Label N.S. flyways Quiz over week 1	2 a, c
	Courtship	Waterfowl mating Game bird mating	Label reproductive system	3 a, c
Week 3	Courtship	Waterfowl courtship displays Game bird courtship displays	Identify courtship behaviors	3 a, c
	Nesting	Laying activity, site selection, clutch size	Identify laying behaviors, brooding behaviors, label clutch sizes Quiz over courtship	4 a, b, c
Week 4	Nesting	Growth, Brood rearing, Molting Review for Mid-Term Exam	Describe brood rearing activities, behaviors, survival	1, 2, 3, 4 a, b, c
	Feeding	Waterfowl food habitats Upland Game Bird food habitats	In class assignment Mid-Term Exam	5 a, c
Week 5	Feeding	Seasonal food habits and requirements	Describe seasonal food requirements, stress periods. Assignment due	5 a, b, c
	Population	Avian parasites PPT	Identify parasites	6 a, c
Week 6	Population	Avian Diseases	Identify diseases	6 a, c
	Population	Population dynamics Avian predation	Identify Avian predators Quiz over weeks 4, 5, 6	6 a, b, c

Date/Week	Chapter/Lesson	Content	Assignments & Tests Due Dates	Competency Area
Week 7	Habitat Management	Seasonal habitat requirements	Identify and discuss differences in seasonal habitat requirements	7 a, b, c
Week 8	Habitat Management	Management techniques to increase quality habitat	Plant identification, seeding methods, soil amendment requirements	7 a, b, c
Week 9	Habitat Management	Artificial nest boxes Review for Final Exam	In class assignment	5, 6, 7
		Final Exam		5, 6, 7 a, b, c

COMPETENCY AREAS:

1. Identification
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GENERAL CORE EDUCATIONAL COMPETENCIES:

- a) The ability to utilize standard written English.
- b) The ability to solve practical mathematical problems.
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PPTs, notifications and announcements will be placed on Blackboard. Students are responsible for checking Blackboard daily.

Boots are to be worn in all labs.

Labs are weather dependent. Students are responsible for being prepared for all labs with weather appropriate clothing. Waders or boots are to be worn in labs. Students are encouraged to have a clean, dry set of clothing with them at all times. Clean, dry clothing may be kept in cabinet provided in storage room of FWMT lab.

LESSON PLAN SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT INSTRUCTOR'S DISCRETION