

# Syllabus

PBIO 109

Americans and Their Forests: Ecology, Conservation, and Policy  
Call number 04908

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Porter 104

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## Course outline

- March 27-  
March 30     **Introduction:** Course administration & overview  
                  **Natural forests of North America:**  
                  Read Williams (1989) pages 22-49
- April 3-6     **Forest clearance on the East Coast: Patterns in the forest**  
                  Read Williams (1989) 53-74
- April 10-13   **Moving west: forest clearance in the beech-maple ecosystem**  
                  Read Williams (1989) 82-192
- April 17**     **Exam** on weeks 1-3
- April 18-20   **The Lake States: the development of industrial forestry**  
                  Read Williams (1989) 193-237, 393-424
- April 24-27   **The Southern Lumber boom: disappearance of an ecosystem**  
                  Read Williams (1989) 238-288

- May 1-4      **The Pacific Northwest: The end of the resource comes in sight**  
Read Williams (1989) 289-330
- May 8-11     **Ecology of fire and fire control**  
Read Williams (1989) 447-454
- May 15**      **Exam** on weeks 4-7
- May 16-28    **Chestnut blight, deer, and the regrowth of eastern forests**  
Read Williams (1989) 466-494
- May 22**      **Book Report Due**
- May 22-25    **Guest speakers: Forest issues and policy**  
Readings will be given.
- May 30-  
June 1        **Ecology of the suburbs**  
(Note Monday is a Holiday)
- Exam week    **Exam** on weeks 8-10; 10:10 am, Thursday 8 June; 104 Porter

## Text and other materials

Williams, Michael. 1989. Americans and their forests: an Historical Geography. Cambridge University Press, New York.  
Plus one outside reading book for book report. More details will be given in class.

## Assignments

Readings are assigned from the text to complement lecture material.

Students will be asked to read and review a book. More information will be given in class. Reviews will be due in class **May 22**.

## Attendance

Students are not required to attend lectures, although class participation is the best possible preparation for assessment. Also note the there will be unscheduled in-class assignments and quizzes. These can not be made up outside of class.

## Assessment

You will be assessed on the basis of exams, quizzes, and the term paper:

Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Exam 3 (final)	25%
Book Report	15%
Quizzes & in-class writing	10%

Assignments handed in after the deadline will automatically be penalized 10 percentage points per day.

## Academic honesty

Plagiarism in any form will result in failure of the course. All ideas not your own must be identified and credited to their source. Note that paraphrasing another person's work is still plagiarism; you must cite your sources. Please read the website

<http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/pamphlets/plagiarism.pdf>

If you have any questions about appropriate citation, come see me.