Instructor
Dr. Rod Will

Course Objective and Description: Gain an understanding of some basic principles regarding the dynamics of forest ecosystems and related components including trees, soils, water, fauna, and associated flora as they relate to site productivity and the production of resource outputs, products, and services. The majority of the course will consist of hands-on field exercises in southeastern Oklahoma. This area is a rich and diverse region that includes the Red River Valley, highly productive upper coastal plain soils, and the picturesque Ouachita Mountains.

Grading:
- Final exam: 60%
- Reports: 20%
- Participation and attitude: 20%

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Expectations and professionalism
You are expected to be on time and physically and mentally prepared. You are expected to be attentive and conscious of your surroundings at all times. You are expected to participate in all activities and discussions. No smoking in the field. Fire safety as well as consideration of your fellow classmates requires you refrain from this activity in the field. Your participation and attitude portion of your grade will be based on your fulfillment of these expectations.

Itinerary (tentative)

*May 26th* – Vegetation and community changes related to soil and site.

*May 27th* – Factors affecting stand growth, visit to Carter Mountain fire tower

*May 28th* – Wildlife management using fire and timber harvesting.

*May 29th* – Mountain transect

*May 30th* – Big trees and fast trees
Final exam will be late afternoon on May 30th.

There will be several assignments related to individual exercises due throughout the week.

Statement on Academic Honesty

You should be familiar with the university’s policy for academic integrity (http://home.okstate.edu/policy.nsf/483c0b76d56e01c2862562b100059b03/3222fe17f2bfca56862562e0005edef6!OpenDocument).

According to the policy, students are expected to:
1. understand and uphold the academic integrity guidelines established by the University and the instructor.
2. present their own work for evaluation by their instructors.
3. appropriately cite the words and ideas of others.
4. protect their work from misuse.
5. accept responsibility for their own actions.
6. treat instructors and members of the Academic Integrity Panel with respect when violations of academic integrity are examined or appealed.
7. trust instructors and members of the Academic Integrity Panel to enforce the academic integrity policy and procedures.

Failure to adhere to this policy will lead to initiation of disciplinary action as outlined by the policy.