

Course Outline  
Geography 456 Wildlife Conservation

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### Course Description

This is a senior seminar course, in which we will discuss several of the major themes and issues facing wildlife/nature conservation. John Livingstone wrote a book some years ago entitled "The Fallacy of Wildlife Conservation" where he suggests most of the wildlife conservation measures we have applied have failed, they are mere window dressing. Once the shock of his presentation wears off, an examination of the facts indicates he was correct, and still is. We will take our examination of the situation to the present, and students will coalesce into small groups (2+) and select topics during class discussion, and develop those through a detailed examination of the literature (individual), the preparation and delivery of a seminar to the class (group), and the delivery of a short paper (individual) that synthesizes the issues, and supports an assessment of the likelihood, and barrier to success.

The senior part of the description is that students are prepared to seek out and read independently once their topic is narrowed down, and they are prepared to join in discussions in class time and express themselves effectively. Seminar suggests you have read material on your own and can articulate ideas and questions. In this setting students can and should be challenged to think critically and support their thoughts.

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