Course Syllabus

Department: Environmental Conservation

Date: July 22, 2012

I. Course Prefix and Number: TAX 202

Course Name: Topics in Advanced Taxidermy

Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours and 3 contact hours

Catalog Description including pre- and co-requisites:

Designed to provide extensive training for taxidermists in the areas of birds, small mammals, and fish preparation. Skills developed will include fleshing, tanning, painting, and presentation of mounts. Course content will vary from semester to semester. Students may repeat this course for credit in each of the different topic areas. Prerequisite: TAX 100

II. Course Outcomes and Objectives

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will:

1. Develop new skills and techniques for taxidermy presentations. (professional competency)
2. Design and create a project (mount) using advanced taxidermy techniques. (professional competency)
3. Research natural positions, colors, and characteristics of living specimens to ensure accuracy and realistic mounts. (information resources)

Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum:

This course is a Taxidermy Elective for students enrolled in the Taxidermy Certificate Program. It may be taken as a general elective for students in other degree programs.

College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course:

- □ writing
- □ oral communications
- □ reading
- □ mathematics
- □ critical thinking
- □ computer literacy
- □ ethics/values
- □ citizenship
- □ global concerns
- X information resources
III. Instructional Materials and Methods

Types of Course Materials:

Students will purchase the tools and forms necessary for the preparation of the selected taxidermy mounts. The Conservation Department will provide the supplies and large equipment required.

Methods of Instruction (e.g. Lecture, Lab, Seminar …):

This course is hands-on; however, lecture and demonstrations are an important part of the course. Applicable films are also incorporated into the course.

IV. Assessment Measures (Summarize how the college and student learning outcomes will be assessed):

Each student’s ability to produce professional quality mounts will be assessed by the evaluation of the morphological and artistic quality of their completed specimens. (professional competency, information resources)

V. General Outline of Topics Covered:

The topics covered will vary with the specialized field of taxidermy investigated.