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Text

Lecture
Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:40-1:55 PM 575 Dabney

Day Date Lecturer Topic
Th 12 Jan S Introduction and History of Biogeography
T 17 S History of Biogeography
Th 19 E Limits of Species Ranges: Physical Factors and Other Species
T 24 S Dispersal and Immigration
Th 26 S Climate Change
T 31 S Areography
Th 2 Feb E Speciation
T 7 E Speciation, Continued
Th 9 E Continental Drift
T 14 E The Pleistocene
Th 16 E Pleistocene, Continued
T 21 F1 Phylogeography
Th 23 M2 Distinguishing Dispersal from Vicariance
T 28 S Island Biogeography: Taxon Cycles and Assembly Rules
Th 2 Mar S Island Biogeography: Taxon Cycles and Assembly Rules, Con’t

T 7 - - Examination No. 1

Th 9 - No Class
T Th 14 16 - Spring Break
T 21 S Island Biogeography: Equilibrium Theory / Species-Area Relationships
Th 23 E Latitudinal Gradients (Deadline for approval of term paper topics)
T 28 S Island Biogeography: Equilibrium Theory / Species-Area Relationships, Con’t.
Th 30 E Endemism
T 4 Apr E Hotspots and Extinction
Th 6 S Patterns of Invasion
T 11 S Relationship Between Distribution and Abundance
Th 13 S Clines (e.g., Bergmann’s Rule)
T 18 S The Island Rule and Related Topics
Th 20 E “Carlquistian” Patterns Among Island Plants and Animals (Deadline for submission of term papers)

T 25 F1 Gene Geography
Th 27 - Presentation of Student Papers

W 3 May - Examination No. 2 (12:30-2:30 PM in 575 Dabney) -

Zoogeography (EEB 583) is actually a biogeography course.
Examinations and Grading. Examinations will be essay in format and will require knowledge of the material presented in lectures and related material from the text as assigned in the text. Grades will be based solely on two lecture examinations (100 points each) and one term paper (100 points).

Term Paper. Examples of possible term paper topics will be discussed in class but your choice will not be limited to these. If you are a graduate student, your topic may or may not be relate to your thesis or dissertation research. For the purposes of the class, assume that you will be submitting your paper to the Journal of Biogeography and format it accordingly, including the method of citing sources in the text and the format of the Literature Cited section of the paper. The paper must not exceed 20 double-spaced pages excluding the Literature Cited and any figures or tables you may choose to include. Note that the topic you select must be approved by both course instructors no later than Thursday March 23rd and a copy of the final paper must be submitted to both Dr. Echternacht and Dr. Simberloff no later than Thursday, April 20th. Papers must be submitted electronically as a Word or rtf document. Submission of papers before the due date is encouraged.

Academic Integrity: Your continued participation in this class assumes that you abide by the University of Tennessee Honor Code (Undergraduate Catalog 2014-2015): “An essential feature of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the University, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity.”

Disabilities: If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, or if you have emergency information to share, please contact the Office of Disability Services. This will ensure that you are properly registered for services. Campus location: 2227 Dunford Hall. Phone: 865-974-6087. E-mail: ods@utk.edu. Website: http://ods.utk.edu.

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