

FOR 449 Syllabus Basic Skills Test

Objective: Students competing for entry level positions are expected to have a fundamental working knowledge of the practice of forest management and an accompanying set of field-based practical skills. Repetitive examinations covering materials and applied field techniques presented in the core forestry courses will be used to assess and hone the development of the identified skill set and knowledge base.

Core Courses: NR 250, FOR 232, 322, 332, 425, 432

Sophomore Level: **NR 250, FOR 232**

Junior Level: NR 250, FOR 232, **322, 332**

Senior Level: NR 250, FOR 232, 322, 332, **425, 432**

Classes in bold indicate new material covered in the examination. Students must take the tests in sequence and answer at least 70% of the questions correctly on the written exam **and** also pass the field tree identification component that requires at least 70% (sophomore level), 75% (junior level), and 80% (senior level) to move onto the next level of examination. Students failing to meet both the written and field passing marks will be given the opportunity to re-take the test the following semester.

Study Materials: Study material covering key concepts tested during the examination process are available at two locations:

- 1) Public Folders → Course Information → Spring/Fall → CNR → FOR 449 or
- 2) Web Site: <http://www.uwsp.edu/forestry/for449/>

Exam Content:

Field – The field component emphasizes tree identification. Students are expected to identify trees with common name using leaf, twig, bark, and branching characteristics.

Classroom – Written examinations consist of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, and computational questions that assess the students understanding of key concepts in each of the aforementioned core forestry courses.

Annual Testing Dates:

Fall Semester: First Saturday in December

Spring Semester: April 19, 2008