

Day 1	Friday, April 4, 2025 – Class at FSW State College, Lee Co. Campus (Rm A150)
8:00am–8:30am	Welcome/Introductions/Course Requirements (<i>K. Doyle</i>)
8:30am–9:00am	Pre-Test Review
9:00am–10:00am	Introduction to Upland Systems (<i>K. Doyle</i>)
10:00am–11:00am	Pineland Communities (<i>B. Centola</i>)
11:00am–12:00pm	Pine Habitats Video & Discussion (<i>B. Centola</i>)
12:00pm–1:00pm	Lunch on your own
1:00pm–2:00pm	Invertebrates (<i>K. Doyle</i>)
2:00pm–3:00pm	Interpretation of Upland Systems (<i>B. Centola</i>)
3:00pm-4:00pm	Field Trip Introduction & Student Project Work

Day 2	Thursday, April 17, 2025 (Field Trips: Telegraph Creek Preserve & Caloosahatchee Regional Park)
9:00am – 10:30pm	<p>Guided Walk to observe major native and altered plant communities on the Preserve that include dry prairie, mesic flatwoods, pasture, and scrubby flatwoods. Land use over time & reclamation will be discussed.</p> <p>Student Interpretive Practice - this field trip will also be an opportunity for students to practice their interpretation skills.</p> <p>Meet at the parking lot at 16451 North River Road, Alva, Florida 33920 More details will be provided on Friday, April 11 to prepare for the field trip.</p>
10:30am – 11:00pm	Short drive to Caloosahatchee Regional Park parking lot at 19130 N River Rd, Alva, FL 33920
11:00pm – 1:00pm	Guided Walk to observe hardwood forest and pineland habitats adjacent to the Caloosahatchee River. Discussions of conservation /maintenance will be included, along with the contrasts between Upland environments.
1:00pm – 3:00 pm	Lunch at the Regional Park Pavillion and time to work on course projects.

Day 3	Friday, April 11, 2025 – Class at FSW State College, Lee Co. Campus
8:00am-8:15am	Discussion of CREW Cypress Dome Field Trip (<i>B. Centola</i>)
8:15am–9:15am	Hardwood Forests (<i>K. Doyle</i>)
9:15am–10:00am	Hardwood Forest Video & Discussion (<i>K. Doyle</i>)
10:00am–11:00pm	Amphibians (<i>B. Centola</i>)
11:00pm–12:00pm	Reptiles (<i>K. Doyle</i>)
12:00pm–1:00pm	Lunch on your own
1:00pm–2:00pm	Insects - Guest Speaker: <i>Dr. Joyce Fassbender</i> , FGCU Entomologist
2:00m–3:00pm	Environmental Ethics (<i>B. Centola</i>)
3:00pm-4:00pm	Field Trip Introduction & Student Project Work

Day 4	Thursday, April 10, 2025 (Field Trip: CREW Cypress Dome)
9:00am–1:00pm	<p>Guided Walk at CREW Cypress Dome to observe key elements of Pine habitats and transitions to adjacent environments. The Dome will provide good example of plants and animals associated with a SW Florida pineland. The area is also prime habitat for bobcats, panthers and black bears.</p> <p>Student Interpretive Practice - this field trip will also be an opportunity for students to practice their interpretation skills using the areas Upland plants.</p> <p>Fire Management - Guest Speaker: Angel Kelley, Collier County Environmental Specialists</p> <p>Meet at the Parking Lot at 3980 Corkscrew Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142. More details will be provided on Friday, April 4 to prepare for the field trip.</p>

Day 5	Friday, April 18, 2025 – Class at FSW State College, Lee Co. Campus
8:00am - 8:15am	Discussion of Telegraph Creek & Caloosahatchee Field Trip (K. Doyle)
8:15am – 9:15am	Scrub, Dry Prairie & Rangelands (B. Centola)
9:15am – 10:00am	Scrub, Dry Prairie & Range Video & Discussion (B. Centola)
10:00am – 11:00pm	Mammals (K. Doyle)
11:00pm – 12:00pm	Mammals - Guest Speaker: Zachary M. Wardle , Panther Biologist, Imperiled Species Management Section, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch on your own
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Birds (B. Centola)
2:00pm – 3:00pm	Upland Systems & Modern Human Society Video & Discussion (K. Doyle)
2:00pm–4:00pm	Field Trip Introduction & Student Project Work

Day 6	Thursday, April 24, 2025 (Field Trip: Archbold Biological Station)
8:00am – 10:00pm	<p>Carpool to Archbold Biological Station. Meet at FSW Lee County Campus for the 1.5-hour drive to Archbold Biological Station, 123 Main Dr, Venus, Florida 33960. More details will be provided on Friday, April 18 to prepare for the field trip.</p>
10:00pm – 12:30pm	Guided Walk to observe scrub environments along the Central Florida Lake Wales ridge. Discussions will include upland physical and biological processes and habitat for endangered species, such as the Florida Scrub Jay.
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Lunch at Archbold Biological Station
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Guided Walk to observe ranch land environments along the Central Florida ridge. Discussions will include the Florida wildlife corridor and grassland preservation.
2:30pm – 4:30pm	Return drive to FSW Lee County Campus

Day 7	Friday, April 25, 2025 – Class at FSW State College, Lee Co. Campus
8:00am-8:15am	Discussion of Archbold Field Trip (K. Doyle)
8:15am-12:00am	Student Project Presentations
12:00am–12:45am	Lunch on your own
12:45m–2:30pm	Student Project Presentations
2:30pm-3:00pm	Awarding of Certificates

