

Day 1	Friday, April 3, 2026 – Class at FSW State College
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 9, 2026 – Field Trips to Telegraph Creek Preserve and Caloosahatchee Regional Park
9:00am – 10:30pm	<p>Meet at the Telegraph Creek Preserve parking lot at 16451 North River Road, Alva, Florida 33920 More details will be provided on Friday, April 3 to prepare for the field trip</p> <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>
10:30am – 11:00pm	Short drive to Caloosahatchee Regional Park parking lot at 18500 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 10, 2026– Class at FSW State College
8:00am-8:15am	Discussion of Telegraph Creek & Caloosahatchee 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 16, 2065 - Field Trips to CREW Cypress Dome & Caracara Prairie Preserve
9:00am–1:00pm	<p>Meet at the Parking Lot: 3980 Corkscrew Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142. More details will be provided on Friday, April 10 to prepare for the field trip.</p> <p>Guided Walk at CREW Cypress Dome to observe key elements of Pine habitats and transitions to adjacent environments. The Dome will provide good examples of plants and animals associated with a SW Florida pineland. The area is also a prime habitat for bobcats, panthers and black bears.</p> <p>Fire Management – Guest Speaker: Julie Motkowicz, Collier County Environmental Specialist.</p>

Day 5	Friday, April 17, 2026– Class at FSW State College
8:00am - 8:15am	Discussion of CREW Cypress Dome 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 to

Day 6	Thursday, April 23, 2026- Field Trip to Archbold Biological Station
8:00am – 10:00pm	Meet at the Publix Super Market at the Shops at Verandah (Intersection of Rt. 80 & Rt. 31) and carpool to Archbold Biological Station at 123 Main Dr, Venus, Florida 33960. (1Hr, 10Min). Some may want to meet at FSW Lee County Campus and then carpool to Publix. More details will be provided on Friday, April 17 to prepare for the field trip.
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 – 1:30pm	Lunch at Archbold Biological Station; Drive to Fish Eating Creek WMA
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Guided Walk to within the Fish Eating Creek watershed. Observe restored upland environments and adjacent wetlands. Discussions will include the Florida wildlife corridor, grassland preservation and watersheds.
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Return drive to Publix Super Market at Verandah

Day 7	Friday, April 24, 2026– Class at FSW State College
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
3:00pm-3:30pm	Post Test and Course Evaluation