Syllabus
Horticulture, Natural Resources and Tourism in The Netherlands
FORS 4363
3 Semester Credit Hours
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Course Description: The program will be based in three areas of The Netherlands: Veluwe, Coastal Area and Amsterdam. Students will have an opportunity to observe Natural Resource Management, Horticulture and Tourism in a small but diverse country. Students will enhance their understanding of Dutch history and culture by spending time in Arnhem and Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Course Objectives-FORS 464:

1. Understand the ecology and management of natural resources in The Netherlands
2. Understand the horticulture tourism and recreation business of The Netherlands
3. Be exposed to the history and culture of The Netherlands

Program Learning Outcomes-FORS 464:

1. Demonstrate understanding and competency of natural resource ecology and biology;
2. Demonstrate understanding and competency of horticulture production;
3. Demonstrate understanding and competency in managing natural resources;
4. Demonstrate understanding and competency of natural resource policy, economics, and administration.
5. Demonstrate understanding and competency in oral and written communication skills.

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**Student Learning Objectives-FORS 464:**

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the ecology and management of natural resources in The Netherlands (PLO1, PLO3)
2. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the horticulture in The Netherlands (PLO1, PLO3)
3. Demonstrate understanding and competency in natural resource policy, economics and administration (PLO4)
4. Understand the history and culture of The Netherlands (PLO4)
5. Through oral and written assignments, demonstrate competency in SLO 1-4. (PLO5)

**Grades:**
The grades will be assigned by:
1. **Written reflections on student perspectives** (details provided to students) 80 points.
2. **Class participation.** This is defined as active and prompt responses and participation prior to the trip, as well as positive attitude while overseas, cooperative interactions with faculty and other students, polite interactions with others in group, hosts and locals, and being on time for all activities. 20 pts.

Total Points 100 points

Grades will be based on a scale of > 90% = A, 80 to 89% = B, etc.

**Attendance Policy:** Attendance is mandatory for all pre-trip meetings. University-recognized excused absences will be accepted with proper documentation.


**Acceptable Student Behavior:**

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the Early Alert Program [http://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp). This program provides students with recommendations for resources or other assistance that is available to help SFA students succeed.
**Responsible use of technology:** It is expected that all students will only use cell phones, PDAs, laptop computers, MP3 players and other technology outside of class time or when appropriate in class. Answering a cell phone, texting, listening to music or using a laptop for matters unrelated to the course may be grounds for dismissal from class or other penalties.

**Academic Integrity (See Policy 4.1 for full description):**

http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic-integrity.pdf

Cheating or Plagiarism will not be tolerated. A final grade of “F” will be assigned to a student caught cheating or plagiarizing.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- Using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class;
- Falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or,
- Helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.
- Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:
  - Submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another;
  - Submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and,
  - Incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author due credit.

**Disability Services:**

Persons who require special accommodations necessary to complete course requirements must first contact the Disability Services Office at 468-3004. Following notification from the Disability Services Office, all reasonable accommodations will be provided in order to assist the student in successfully completing the course.