

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research



Department of Forestry

College of Agricultural Engineering Sciences

Salahaddin University – Erbil

Subject: Recreation and Ecotourism – Only Theory

Course Book: 2nd Year

Lecturer's name: Assist Prof Dr. Sherzad Omar Hamad

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Course Book

1. Course name	Recreation and Ecotourism - Theory
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3. Department/ College	Forestry / Agricultural Engineering Sciences
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5. Time (in hours) per week	Theoretical: 3
6. Office hours	Sunday or make appointment
7. Course code	
8. Teacher's academic profile	I completed my B.Sc. in Salahaddin University –Erbil, Agriculture college, Plant Production Department in 2005. I got M.Sc. in Salahaddin University–Erbil, Agriculture college – Forestry and Horticulture department in 2010 and my specialize is Silviculture. I completed my PhD. in Universiti Putra Malaysia in 2017. Currently, I am working as Lecturer in Department of Forestry - College of Agricultural Engineering Sciences, Salahaddin University–Erbil,
9. Keywords	Recreation, Ecotourism, Tourism, Environment, Pollution.

10. Course overview:

The course will introduce students to tourism and ecotourism activities and development in terms of the history, concepts, principles, marketing, planning and management, which promote cultural and environmental awareness and local economic benefits.

The main components are focus on the natural environment, ecological and cultural sustainability, education and interpretation of local and regional benefits.

11. Course objective:

- ❖ It is to identify students with concept, definition, type and role of the **Tourism**.
- ❖ It is to familiarize students with concept, definition, characters and principles of the **Ecotourism**.
- ❖ It is to encourage students to develop their knowledge and understand of environmentally responsible travel to relatively undisturbed natural areas that promotes biodiversity conservation, has low negative visitor impact, and provides for socio-economic benefits to the local stakeholder communities.
- ❖ To identify Tourism and Ecotourism in Kurdistan.
- ❖ To identify the factors affecting tourism development.
- ❖ To identify Environmental impacts of tourism.
- ❖ To identify Environmental impacts of tourism at the global level

12. Student's obligation

Students will be asked to prepare research papers on selective topics. There will be classroom discussions and the lecture will give enough background to evaluate problems sets, and different issues discussed throughout the course. To get the best of the course, it is suggested that students attend classes as much as possible, read the required lectures, teacher's notes regularly as all of them are foundations for the course. Try as much as

possible to participate in classroom discussions, preparing the assignments given in the course.

In conclusion, the student must attend the classes and prepare themselves for the test, assignment reports, and quizzes.

13. Forms of teaching

Different forms of teaching will be used to reach the objectives of the course: 'power point presentations for the head titles, definitions and summary of the lecture; the students can get a copy of a lecture; the white board also be used to clear the figures and meaning of words; to more clear the lectures some animations and videos will be shown.

14. Assessment scheme

Grading: This subject includes only theoretical part.

	First exam	Second exam	Quiz, activity and report	Annual average	Final exam	Total
Theoretical part	15	15	10	40	60	100

15. Student learning outcome:

At the end of the course, the students have to get the scientific information about recreation and ecotourism aspects which include concepts, definitions, principles of tourism and ecotourism. The student also can enhance their knowledge about the components of ecotourism. The students understand the importance of the ecotourism sector to conservation natural environment; enhance economical benefits for local people. The students have to get the scientific information about Tourism, Types of tourism, the

role of tourism sector to rise economical benefits for the country, the factors contribute to growth and development of tourism sector.

16. Course Reading List and References:

1. Ecotourism, A Guide for Planners and Managers, Ed.: Lindberg K.-Epler-Wood, M.-Engeldrum D. Vol.2. The Ecotourism Society, Nort Bennington, Vermont, 1998. ISBN: 0-9636331-3-9
2. Ecotourism Development – A Manual for Conservation Planners and Managers, Vol. II. The business of Ecotourism Management and Development, Ed.: Drumm A.-Moore A.-Sales A-Patterson C.-Terborgh J.E., The Nature Conservancy, Virginia, USA, 2004. ISBN: 1-886765-16-2
3. Ecotourism Development – A Manual for Conservation Planners and Managers, Vol.: I. Ed.: Drumm A.-Moore A. The Nature Conservancy, Arlington, Virginia, USA, 2002.
4. Different articles from prominent professional periodicals.
5. Natural Area Tourism. Ecology, Impacts and Management. (Ed.: Newsome,D-Moore,S.A.-Dowling,R.K. 2012. Channel View Publications, Bristol-Buffalo-Toronto.
6. Tourism and Biodiversity. Achieving Common Goals Towards Sustainability. 2010 UNWTO, Madrid.
7. Practical Guide for the Development of Biodiversity-based Tourism Products. 2010 UNWTO, Madrid.

17. The Topics:

Lecturer's name

First week	What is Tourism? Objectives of Tourism Sector What are the types of tourism?	Dr. Sherzad Omar Hamad (3 hrs)
Second week	A Brief History of Ecotourism The Definitions of Ecotourism Principles of Ecotourism Advantages of Ecotourism	
Third week	Tourism and Ecotourism in Kurdistan Types of Tourism in Kurdistan Some Statistical Data about Tourism in Kurdistan	

Fourth week	Factors influencing the growth and development of tourism	
Fifth week	The First Monthly Exam.	
Sixth week	Scientific trip to a destination area.	
Seventh week	Environmental Impacts of Tourism <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Depletion of natural resources 2. Pollution 3. Physical impacts 	
Eighth week	Environmental Impacts of Tourism at the Global Level <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loss of biological diversity 2. Depletion of the ozone layer 3. Climate change How to Global Environmental Changes Affect Tourism? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Natural Disasters 2. Climate Change (Global Warming) 	
Ninth week	The Second Monthly Exam.	
Tenth week	Identifying and describing ecotourism products Components of ecotourism ❖ Ecotourism and the environment	
Eleventh week	Components of ecotourism (Cont.) ❖ Ecotourism and conservation ❖ Ecotourism and protected areas	
Twelfth weeks	Components of ecotourism (Cont.) ❖ Ecotourism and economic benefits ❖ Ecotourism and social benefits	

<p>Thirteenth weeks</p>	<p>Components of ecotourism (Cont.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ecotourism and local community ❖ Ecotourism and education 	
<p>8. Practical Topics (If there is any)</p> <p>None</p>		
<p>Examination paper 1 (pending confirmation)</p>		
<p>Examination paper 2 (pending confirmation)</p>		
<p>Examinations:</p> <p>In regard to this subject the type of exam will be as follow:</p> <p>1- Definitions:</p> <p>2- Multiple Choose:</p> <p>3- Use true or false for each sentence and correct false statement:</p> <p>4- Fill the following blanks with the correct word:</p>		

5- Numerous these followings:

6- Explain briefly:

7- give the reasons of these followings:

20. Extra notes:

21. Peer review