

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH**  
Ontario Universities Program in Field Biology

<b>Course Title:</b>	<b>Field Ecology (BIOL4410)</b>	
<b>Instructor(s):</b>	M. Alex Smith (salex@uoguelph.ca)	
<b>Dates:</b>	August 13 – August 26, 2017	
<b>Location:</b>	Wildlife Research Station (WRS) on Lake Sasajewun, Algonquin Provincial Park	
<b>Cost:</b>	Approximately \$1,100 (\$350 deposit to home university; \$750 balance). <b>Includes:</b> all meals and accommodation at the WRS. <b>Excluded:</b> transportation to WRS. <b>Balance:</b> due as indicated by the instructor	
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	0.50 credits in ecology and biostatistics	
<b>Enrolment:</b>	25 students (17 reserved for Guelph)	
<b>Description:</b>	This is a 12-day field course held in Algonquin Park, Ontario, during August. Emphasis is on the design and implementation of ecological field experiments; students acquire knowledge of natural history of plants, invertebrates and vertebrates as a result. Students design and conduct a research project in small groups, on any of the following: vertebrate, invertebrate, or plant ecology in terrestrial or aquatic habitats, and for which an independent formal scientific paper will be submitted. In addition, the students will produce field notebooks highlighting their own natural history observations as well as accurately documenting their data collection, and questions. Both the scientific paper and field notebook are due the last Friday in September. There will be some formal lectures and an organizational meeting will be held in the winter semester prior to the field course.	
<b>Evaluation:</b>	Research Paper Natural history	60%
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Field notebook</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> <li>• Participation</li> </ul>	20% 15% 5%

\*\*\*\$350 Deposit is due at time of registration.

Tuition at your home institution is *in addition* to any field module costs.

Students who drop a field course should not expect a refund of any field course costs.

Students are encouraged to purchase cancellation insurance if airline tickets are required.

Students are responsible for all fees incurred by the home or host university due to any bounced cheque.