



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Rangeland, Wildlife
& Fisheries Management

RWFM 489/WFSC 689

SPECIAL TOPICS IN CONSERVATION PRINCIPLES AND THE ROLE OF HUNTING



Course (3 hrs) provides insights in natural resource policy, contemporary conservation actions, challenges faced in conservation funding, and linkages to hunters and the issues they experience.



Non-experienced hunters welcome!

Students will learn about safe firearm handling and shooting, culminating in the opportunity to become Hunter Education Certified !



KEY TOPIC AREAS

- History of the North American Model of Conservation and its long-lasting ramifications on outdoor recreation and funding model for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and state departments of natural resources.
- Firearm use- applications in hunting, safety protocols, handling and care.
- Standards of practice related to *fair-chase hunting*, as they relate to ethics and laws.
- State and federal laws and regulations governing the take and management of resident and migratory game species.
- Economic impact hunters have on local, state and national economies connected to active management for all wildlife species.
- The process to procure wild food, its handling in the field, processing into familiar cuts and culinary creations as table fare.

QUESTIONS?

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