

ES407 – Senior Seminar Wed. April 2, 2008
Class Instructions from Dr. Taylor

- (1) I'm off to a meeting from today through Sunday. Read over the syllabus. The web site is now updated, check there often for news, events, and assignments.
- (2) The topic for Spring Term 2008 is: "The Effects of Land-use and Forestry Practices on Geomorphic Processes in Western Oregon". The primary outcome of the course will be seminar-style presentations at the May 29, 2008 WOU Academic Showcase. Each student will prepare a 15-20 minute oral presentation for the event. The remainder of the term will involve background reading/research, group discussion, development of presentation skills, and preparing for the showcase seminar.
- (3) Your assignment for next week is to read over three articles that will establish the framework for our topic this term.

-Robison et al., 1999, Storm Impacts and Landslides of 1996

-Hoffmeister et al., 2002, Overview of Rapidly Moving Landslide Hazards in western Oregon

-Wiley, 2000, Relationship between rainfall and debris flows in western Oregon.

In addition to the hard copies, these articles are also available on the class web site. For next week, read over all three papers to familiarize yourself with the topic.

Due next week: a 1-2 page written summary of the Wiley (2000) paper. For reference, see the "Example Article Summary" link on the web site for an example model of how to summarize the readings. Include a 1-page written summary and 1-page of pertinent figures, tables, and/or references.

See you next week, be ready to present / discuss these articles in a group setting.