

# Dakota County Technical College

## BIOL 1120: Minnesota Nature Study

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 2

Lab Hours/Week: 1

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 03 - Natural Science

This course covers the natural habitats of Minnesota and the plants and animals that live in them. It includes such topics as our physical environment, ecology, and animal traits and behaviors such as mimicry or migration. Human interactions with these habitats are stressed.

Meets MnTC Goal 3

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 06/01/2000 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. describe the geologic and vegetative history of Minnesota
2. describe the basic climate and weather of Minnesota
3. discuss basic principles of ecology
4. describe the basic upland, lowland, and aquatic habitats of Minnesota
5. name and describe typical and important plants of Minnesota habitats
6. name and describe typical and important animals of Minnesota habitats
7. describe examples of human interactions with and use of Minnesota habitats

### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

Goal 03 - Natural Science

1. Demonstrate understanding of scientific theories.
2. Formulate and test hypotheses by performing laboratory, simulation, or field experiments in at least two of the natural science disciplines. One of these experimental components should develop, in greater depth, students' laboratory experience in the collection of data, its statistical and graphical analysis, and an appreciation of its sources of error and uncertainty.
3. Communicate their experimental findings, analyses, and interpretations both orally and in writing.
4. Evaluate societal issues from a natural science perspective, ask questions about the evidence presented, and make informed judgments about science-related topics and policies.

### F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

### G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted