**COURSE INFORMATION**

Title: Adult Bug Camp  
Number: BIOL F040  
Credits: None  
Prerequisites: None  
Location: University of Alaska Fairbanks Campus and Vicinity, Murie 302  
Meeting Times: 6-8 p.m. Fri, & 1-6:15 p.m. Sat. & Sun.  
Meeting Dates: July 13-15, 2018  
Lecture / Lab: 3h lecture, 9h field/lab – NOTE: you will need your own transportation

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Derek S. Sikes, Curator of Insects, Professor of Entomology  
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**COURSE READINGS / MATERIALS:** Recommended (most should be available in the UAF bookstore, the UA Museum bookstore, or online):


ISBN 978-0-939431-38-0


**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** An introduction to building an insect collection. Emphasized will be collection and processing methods needed to build an insect collection. The skills necessary to identify most groups to Order will be taught. Students will create a collection which will broken into three groups: specimens the student can take home, specimens for the University of Alaska Museum Insect Collection, and specimens for the Teaching Collection.
COURSE GOALS & STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. To learn basic collection and specimen preparation techniques
   - net types and uses
   - aspirators and vials / killing jars
   - trapping methods, e.g. pitfall traps, Malaise traps, Berlese / Winkler funnels
   - pin, point, paper, pen, glass vial types, sources, preservation dry vs wet

2. To understand the roles insects play in Alaskan ecosystems
   - trophic levels
   - ecological relationships (predators, herbivores, parasites, pollinators, decomposers, anthropilic, etc.)
   - habitat preferences (terrestrial, aquatic, soil, etc.)

3. To contribute to Alaskan Entomological research endeavors
   - provide professionally mounted & georeferenced specimens to the UA Museum Insect Collection

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS: An introductory lecture covering insect diversity will be combined with hands-on, instructor-lead, field work to learn methods of sampling insects in the wild. Field captured insects will be brought back to the lab and processed (mounted and identified). The instructor will be constantly available to answer questions during the course.

COURSE CALENDAR:

Friday
- Introductions and enrollment (6 – 8 PM)
- Lecture (2 hours)
  - Insect Evolutionary Diversity
    - introduction to major insect groups
    - Non insect arthropods – Arachnida, Myriapoda
    - Apterygota
    - Pterygota
      - Paleoptera
      - Neoptera
      - Polyneoptera
      - Paraneoptera
      - Endopterygota
  - Insect Ecological Diversity, Aquatic Insects, Herbivores, Predators, Fungivores, Parasites, Parasitoids, Detritivores

Saturday
- FIELD TRIP: 1 – 3PM, UAF campus overlook
  - field gear – tools of the trade lecture
  - leaf litter sifting & Winkler / Berlese extraction
  - Malaise trap, Lindgren funnel, FIT, pitfall trap, pollinator cups
  - UAF LAB: 3:15-6:15, mounting and identification of specimens caught
    - field labeling vs. final labeling
    - collection care and maintenance

Sunday
- FIELD TRIP: 1 – 3PM,
  - “Peat Ponds” Goldstream x Murphy Dome Rd
  - UAF LAB: 3:15-6:15, mounting and identification of specimens caught