

School of Forestry

Fire and Forest Management Professional Certificate

Class Information and Instructions

Fall 2025 – Second 8 Weeks

FOR 310: Forest Ecology for Professionals (8953)

This course is designed to introduce the student to the field of forest ecology, with a special focus on fire professionals. We will cover a wide variety of topics that include the abiotic and biotic factors that affect the structure, composition, and function of forest ecosystems. These concepts will be addressed at the individual, population, community, ecosystem, and landscape scales.

Textbook Information Recommended textbook: Zak, D. R., et al. 2023. *Forest Ecology*, 5th edition. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

October 20, 2025 – December 12, 2025

The class begins online on 10/20/25 and requires reliable web access and an NAU email account. Course readings, lectures and quizzes can be accessed online beginning 12/12/25 (12 am the day the course starts). If you are not familiar with the Canvas Learning Management system, please find help here: <https://canvas.nau.edu/courses/1943> .