Student Assessment of Learning Gains (SALG) POST-Survey

The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information about your learning perceptions after taking this course and to explore your current interests and experiences in the field. We ask for your name only for comparative analysis; be assured this questionnaire will not be part of your grade. Please mark an X in the boxes that convey your opinion.

1. As a result of taking this course, I am confident I can	Not Confident	A little Confident	Somewhat Confident	Highly Confident	Extremely Confident	Not Applicable
1. Define and understand the term biological diversity or biodiversity	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
2. Identify the principal threats to biodiversity	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
3. Provide specific examples of the importance of biological diversity to human societies	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
4. Describe some of the methods and strategies that biologists use to address conservation questions	1 🗌	2 🗆	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
5. Identify the underlying issues and perspectives regarding controversy issues in conservation	1 🗌	2 🗆	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
6. Conduct research and/or gather relevant articles, data, and other information needed to assess and analyze conservation issues	1 🔲	2 🗆	3 🔲	4 🗆	5 🗌	0 🗆
7. Critically review and assess the quality of content in conservation articles in the media	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
2. After taking this course's material, how interested have you become in	Not at all interested	A little interested	Somewhat interested	Highly interested	Extremely interested	Not Applicable
Understanding the relevance of biodiversity to real world issues	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
2. Taking additional courses/course work related to biodiversity and conservation	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
3. Majoring in a subject area related to biodiversity and conservation	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
4. Exploring career opportunities in fields related to biodiversity and conservation	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
5. Considering changes in lifestyle choices in activities related to biodiversity and conservation (ex: volunteer for an environmentally related issue)	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆

3. As a result of taking this class, I believe I have MADE GAINS in the following skills:	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	A lot	A great deal	Not Applicable
Oral communication and public speaking	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
2. Written communication	1 🔲	2 🔲	3 🔲	4 🔲	5 🗌	0 🗆
3. Identifying underlying conservation problems or questions	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
4. Gathering credible information and researching a topic	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
5. Sorting and filtering diverse sources of information	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
6. Predicting potential outcomes or consequences of an action or situation	1 🔲	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
7. Applying critical thinking to make good decisions	1 🔲	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
8. Collecting data and managing information	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
9. Analyzing and interpreting data	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
10. Creating and interpreting graphs and tables	1 🔲	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
11. Working collaboratively with and in a group	1 🔲	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
12. Coordinating and managing a class or real world project	1 🔲	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
4. How much each of the following items helped your learning?	Not at all	Just a little	Somewhat	A lot	A great deal	Not Applicable
1. Lectures by the professor	1 🔲	2 🔲	3 🔲	4 🔲	5 🗌	0 🗆
2. Discussions led by students	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🔲	4 🔲	5 🗌	0 🗆
3. Students giving presentations (individually or in group)	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
4. Small group projects (in class or outside of class)	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
5. Outdoor, field-based activities	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆
6. Interactive, hands-on exercises (individually or in group)	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	0 🗆

5. This section is part of the New Environmental Paradigm Survey. What is your opinion about the statements below?	Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Unsure	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree	
1. We are approaching the limit of the number of people the earth can support.	1 🗌	2 🗆	3 🔲	4 🗌	5 🗌	
2. Humans have the right to modify the natural environment to suit their needs	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
3. When humans interfere with nature it often produces disastrous consequences.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
4. Human ingenuity will ensure that we do NOT make the earth unlivable.	1 🔲	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
5. Humans are severely abusing the environment.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
6. The earth has plenty of natural resources if we just learn how to develop them.	1 🗌	2 🗆	3 🔲	4 🗌	5 🗌	
7. Plants and animals have as much right as humans to exist.	1 🗌	2 🗆	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
8. The balance of nature is strong enough to cope with the impacts of modern industrial nations.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
9. Despite our special abilities humans are still subject to the laws of nature.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🔲	4 🗌	5 🗌	
10. The so-called "ecological crisis" facing humankind has been greatly exaggerated.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
11. The earth is like a spaceship with very limited room and resources.	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
12. Humans were meant to rule over the rest of nature.	1 🗌	2 🔲	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
13. The balance of nature is very delicate and easily upset.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
14. Humans will eventually learn enough about how nature works to be able to control it.	1 🗌	2 🗌	3 🗌	4 🗌	5 🗌	
15. If things continue on their present course, we will soon experience a major ecological catastrophe.	1 🗌	2 🗆	3 🔲	4 🗌	5 🗌	