

What Working Looks Like in the Field

This is what “working” looks like when you are doing ecological fieldwork:

1. You must have everything you need when you leave the classroom (tape measures, paper, maps, clipboards, pencils, vegetation removal tools, measuring equipment, etc.)
2. As a class, we must make sure that all of the required tools are taken out in the field.
3. Once out in the field, you need to have the required tools with you for the entire class period.
4. You need to be actively taking measurements, locating plots, setting up data collection sites, cutting vegetation or placing flags the entire class period.
5. Make sure you’re doing the job right! For example, when cutting a path through vegetation, make sure you’re heading in the right direction.
6. The only way we can tell whether you’re working is by observing you – so we will be more concerned with what we actually see you doing and less concerned with what you say you have done earlier in the class period.
7. If you need a break, ask a teacher first.
8. If you do not know what to do, ask a teacher for help.
9. A teacher will give you a cue if you do not look like you are working so that you will know.