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*Weekly Course Schedule*

Mon Lec 2:00–3:15 PM, BC 1024  
Wed Lec 2:00–3:15 PM, BC 1024

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Pre-requisite: Completion of Core Area D. A survey of the use of plants by humans, including the significance of plants in sustaining human life, the diversity, origins, and history of plant uses, the origins of agriculture, and the roles of science and technology in enhancing agricultural production. [3-0- ]

Lecture contact: 75 mins X 30 lectures = 2250 mins

Credit: 3 semester hrs

Three examinations will be given.

Various miscellaneous assessments will be given.

Simpson, B.B. and M.C. Ogorzaly. 2014. *Plants in our World*, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed., McGraw-Hill, New York. 529 pp.

Pencils or pens for recording notes, etc.

Notebook

Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. The student is responsible for all material missed, regardless of the reason for absence. Students arriving late for class should enter the lecture room quietly and take the nearest seat to avoid disruption. Attendance will normally be taken at the beginning of the period. Students who arrive after the roll is called are counted absent unless they inform their instructor immediately after class of their tardiness. It is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor of her/his tardiness. Each three cases of tardiness will be counted as one absence, and cases of tardiness will be counted as absences thusly, unless a satisfactory explanation is provided to the instructor by the student. It is the instructor's prerogative to have the explanation in writing. Any scheduling problems or other extenuating circumstances necessitating chronic tardiness should be explained to the instructor in writing and properly documented at the beginning of the semester. In order to have an absence excused, the student must provide a written explanation with proper documentation immediately upon returning to class. Providing an explanation of absence or tardiness by the student does not insure that the absence or tardiness will be excused. The instructor shall determine the validity of all excuses. Students absent from more than 20% of the regularly scheduled lecture periods are subject to failure in the course, as detailed under Absence Regulations in the VSU Undergraduate Catalog. Points will be deducted from the final grade for excessive unexcused tardiness or absence.

A variety of course resources and materials will be made available through BlazeVIEW, and it will also be used to post announcements and grades and to administer assignments and assessments. Students should log onto BlazeVIEW daily in order to check for course announcements. Also, the Mail tool in BlazeVIEW provides a convenient means for students to contact their instructor and one another, and it should always be used to communicate about matters relating to the course. To access BlazeVIEW, select the link under the Current Students tab on the Valdosta State University homepage. Students experiencing difficulties using BlazeVIEW

should seek assistance through the VSU Information Technology HELP-Desk in Odum Library (telephone 245-4357).

Three unit examinations will be given during the semester, one of these prior to midterm. The exams will be announced at least one week in advance. Each of these exams accounts for 250 points in determining the overall course grade. The third unit examination will be given during the final examination period.

A number of miscellaneous assessments will be given during the semester. These may include unannounced pop quizzes or other assignments. Some assessments will be given spontaneously and completed during the scheduled lecture period and cannot be made up. Some assessments may be given through BlazeVIEW. Each student will be required to participate in a citizen science service learning project transcribing data from 100 plant specimen labels on-line through Notes from Nature (NfN). It is estimated that completion of this project will require three to four hours. Instructions will be provided through BlazeVIEW. *The deadline for completing this project is the official midterm date in early October.* Collectively, miscellaneous assessments account for 250 points in determining the overall course grade.

General assessments	150 points
Citizen science service learning	100 points

Students registered for BIOL 6000 credit will be required to complete and submit a term project for grading (200 points) and will from time-to-time assist the instructor in administering assessments. Graduate students should meet with their instructor during the first week of the semester to discuss their project assignments.

discourse. Behavior contrary to these guidelines is disruptive. Disruptive behavior will result in deduction of points from the final grade.

Use of cellular telephones, pagers, or any similar communication device or digital camera is prohibited during lecture, examinations, or quizzes, unless expressly authorized by instructor. If students bring cellular telephones or any other similar devices to lecture, it is their responsibility to switch them off prior to the beginning of the lecture period. Ringing, buzzing, or any other sounds emitted from such devices will be treated as disruptive behavior on the part of the owner/possessor, and the owner/possessor will be asked to leave lecture immediately.

Students are encouraged to work together and to learn from one another in an appropriate manner. Cooperation between students is especially encouraged in study outside of class. However, students should bear in mind that most work ultimately must be done individually and independently. All examinations, tests, and quizzes are given to students individually and are to be completed independently. Cooperation by students on quizzes, tests, or examinations is prohibited and constitutes cheating. Unless otherwise indicated, quizzes, tests, and examinations are taken strictly from memory without use of textbooks, notes, cell phones, headphones, or other communication devices. Unless otherwise indicated, assignments and assessments are to be completed individually and independently. Behavior contrary to these guidelines is prohibited and constitutes cheating. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the full extent allowed by University policy and the law.

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*Classes begin Mon, Aug 19*

Introduction to Course

What is ethnobotany?

What is a plant?

Plants are essential for human survival!

Chapter 1, Plants in Our World