

SYLLABUS

HORT 202

HORTICULTURE SCIENCE AND PRACTICES LABORATORY

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Graduate Teaching Assistants

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Day	Section	Time	Graduate Teaching Assistant
Monday	501	2:00 - 4:50	Tessa Hochhaus
Tuesday	502	1:00 - 3:50	Katy Davidson
Wednesday	503	9:10-12:00	Jacob Muras
Wednesday	504	2:00-4:50	Tessa Hochhaus
Thursday	505	1:00 – 3:50	Katy Davidson

Location: Horticulture Forest Science Building (HFSB) 112.

Prerequisite: HORT 201 or registration therein.

Required Text

General Horticulture Laboratory Manual ISBN 0-8087-9470-1, Third Edition; David Wm. Reed

Learning Outcomes

Horticultural Science and Practices Lab is designed to provide a broad understanding of horticulture through basic and applied science. This is achieved through weekly quizzes over concepts, applied laboratory exercises that emphasize creating and interpreting qualitative and quantitative data and synthesis of underlying concept through observation and discussion of specimens and technique, and individually prepared written in-depth analysis of experimental results.

- To develop a functional knowledge in basic Botany
 - Learn scientific terminology to describe plant anatomy and morphology
 - Understand the taxonomic relationships of plants
- To develop a functional knowledge Plant Physiology, Growth and Development
 - Understand the practical means to manipulate the plant physiology for practical purposes
 - Application of chemical growth regulators to illustrate the junction of plant biochemistry, plant form and shape and economic impacts on horticultural crops.
 - Introduction to plant essential elements and their use as fertilizers.
 - Conduct experimentation with fertilizer application levels as a means of demonstrating physiological response, and as a platform for the discussion of environmental responsibility.
- Soil Science
 - Develop a working knowledge of physical and chemical properties of soils, soil conservation and use of sustainable materials for horticultural production.
 - Learn how to compose and use artificial soils.
- Entomology
 - Understanding entomology of horticultural crops.
 - Learn to identify the most common horticultural pests.
- Horticulture Principles
 - Understand the principles of asexual and sexual plant propagation techniques.
 - Learn the methods and techniques of sexual and asexual plant propagation.
 - Understanding of the care of landscape plant materials.
 - Become proficient in basic horticultural mathematical calculations.

Instructors: Graduate Teaching Assistants

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Office Hours

Each instructor will inform you of his/her office hours. These will be conducted via Zoom.

Course Delivery and Format

- **Overall rule – Attendance is mandatory**
- It will be explained later why attendance is mandatory.
- Course Delivery: Face-to-face in HFSB 112
- Quizzes are only delivered via Canvas. **Therefore, for quizzes every student MUST bring a laptop/tablet to class that can connect to the internet and access Canvas.** This is how every weekly quiz will be administered. No laptop/tablet = No ability to take the quiz.

Attendance and Make-up Labs

- The lab is 100% experiential learning through experiments and demonstrations, therefore attendance is mandatory, unless you have a University acceptable and documented excuse.
- Attendance: You must attend each lab in its entirety. If you arrive late after the quiz is over, you will not be allowed to take the quiz. If you depart early (before the entire class is dismissed), your quiz grade will be zero on that week's weekly quiz.
- Missed labs due to an excused absence (defined in the Student Rules (see <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule7.htm>)):
 - If you miss a lab due to an excused absence, you have the option to attend another lab section, later in the week. The make-up must occur in the same week as the missed class due to the experiential nature of the lab. **Permission must be obtained from both lab instructors.** A make-up quiz must be arranged with your lab instructor.
- Missed labs due to a non-excused absence
 - You will miss the quiz and receive a grade of 0.
 - Technical difficulties (such as no Wi-Fi, broken/dead computer) that cause you to miss the lab or lab quiz will be counted as an unexcused absence. If you have a technical problem or situation beyond your control, call your instructor immediately to find out if arrangements can be made.
- You may only miss a maximum of 3 labs, excused or not (not counting week 1 during the drop/add period). If you miss 4 or more labs (that are not made-up by attending another lab that week), you may either receive a grade of "I" (incomplete) if there are valid reasons for missing the labs or your grade will be F. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis by the lab coordinator, with a recommendation from the graduate teaching assistant.

Grading Weight

Weekly quiz grades = 50%

Lab report = 50%

Grading Scale

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F <=59

However, the grading scale may be adjusted lower to normalize clustering of letter grades between lab sections.

Weekly Quizzes:

Weekly quizzes are given every lab and will be taken in Canvas. You must bring your laptop to class in order to take the quiz. You will take 12 weekly quizzes. You are allowed to drop your 2 lowest grades. Your quiz grade will be based on your 10 highest quiz grades. Grades of 0 for missing a week's lab can be used as a drop grade. Each quiz will be worth 10 points; 8 points of each quiz will be based on the previous week's lab material and 2 points of each quiz will be based on general information the current week's lab material. **Therefore, you are required to read each week's lab material BEFORE coming to class.** Each quiz will be 10 minutes long and start 5 minutes after start of class time. If you arrive or login while a quiz is in progress, you may take the quiz, but you must complete it by the standard completion time (i.e., you will not be given an extension). If you arrive or login after the quiz has been completed and collected, you will receive a grade of 0 for that quiz. Any student departing from lab or logging out of Zoom early will have his/her quiz invalidated (a grade of 0) and will be considered absent for that lab. In other words, you must attend the entire lab period for your quiz to count; unless permission is granted by the instructor.

Lab Report:

- We will be conducting a series of lab exercises throughout the semester. Most exercises will produce data. Your lab report grade will be based on **data** collected and **questions** answered about each exercise. **Data** will be collected and shared in class. If you are absent, you are responsible for obtaining missing **data** from the instructor.
- The class will collect data, observe the plants and discuss the results and what it means.
- However, the answers to **questions** in your lab report must be your own and cannot be the result of discussion with others after the lab is over. You must work by yourself in interpreting the data and your notes from the class discussion to answering the questions. Any duplicated/plagiarized answers that are found between lab reports will be considered academic misconduct. If it is determined that you worked with others in developing answers, this will be handled as academic misconduct and you will receive a grade of F in the course (see <http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor>).
- You may approach your instructor to discuss any aspect of the lab.
- Lab reports will be due as experiments are finished. These will occur throughout the semester; however, many these will occur towards the end of the semester. Your lab instructor will remind you of the exact dates during the semester. **For lab reports turned in after the due date, the grade for that report will be reduced by 10% per business day late.**

	Calendar Week	Laboratory Exercise
Week 1	Aug 30-Sept 2	Lab 1, Orientation to the Laboratory
Week 2	Sept 6-9	Lab 2, Recognition of Plant Structures
Week 3	Sept 13-16	Lab 3, Plant Identification & Taxonomy
Week 4	Sept 20-23	Lab 4 Temperature
Week 5	Sept 27-30	Lab 5: Light
Week 6	Oct 4-7	Lab 6, Growth Control
Week 7	Oct 11-14	Lab 7, Growing Media & Soils
Week 8	Oct 18-21	Lab 8, Asexual Propagation
Week 9	Oct 25-28	Lab 9, Sexual Propagation
Week 10	Nov 1-4	Lab 10, Nutrition & Fertilizers
Week 11	Nov 8-11	Lab 11, Pest Identification & Control
Week 12	Nov 15-18	Lab 12, Pruning, Bracing, Cabling in the Landscape
Week 13	Nov 22-25	Thanksgiving; No Classes
Week 14	Nov 29- Dec 2	Lab 14, Overview of Turf Grass Lab will meet at the Turf Grass Center
End Week 14	Dec 3	All remaining lab reports due by 5PM, Friday April 23 rd . This is a hard deadline with late penalties.
Week 15	Dec 10	Last Day of Classes