Biology 325 – Tree Biology – Course Outline - Fall 2016

Lecture: TWF – 1:30-2:20 pm ECS 130  
Laboratory: F – 2:30-5:20 pm CUN118

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Text: Conifer Reproductive Biology by Claire G. Williams – available as an ebook from the UVic Library website http://voyager.library.uvic.ca/vwebv/searchBasic

Date | Lecture | Laboratory
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Sept. 7-W | 1. What is a tree? (PvA) |  
9-F | 2. tree morphology and anatomy (PvA) | Sept. 9 Tree Identification (outdoors)
13-T | 3. tree morphology and anatomy (PvA) |  
14-W | 4. tree morphology and anatomy (PvA) |  
16-F | 5. tree morphology and anatomy (PvA) | Sept. 16 Tree Morphology (outdoors)
20-T | 6. tree morphology and anatomy (PvA) |  
21-W | 7. tree morphology and anatomy (PvA) |  
23-F | 8. Guest lecture – Dr. Cosmin Filipescu  
Structure and function of woody tissue – two sides of the same coin? | Sept. 23 Fruit Trees & More- B Duncan (outdoors)
27-T | 9. tree biogeography (BjH) |  
28-W | 10. tree biogeography (BjH) |  
30-F | 11. tree biogeography (BjH) | Sept. 30 Culturally Important Trees (outdoors)
Oct. 4-T | **DEADLINE: essay choice** |  
12. adaptation and acclimation (BjH) |  
5-W | 13. annual cycles (BjH) |  
7-F | 14. annual cycles (BjH) | Oct. 7 no lab
10-M | **THANKSGIVING** |  
11-T | 15. soils and nutrients (BjH) |  
12-W | **MIDTERM (worth 20% of final mark)** | Oct. 14 Wood Anatomy
14-F | 16. soils and nutrients (BjH) |  
18-T | 17. drought (BjH) |  
19-W | 18. flooding (BjH) |  
21-F | 19. leguminous trees (PvA) | Oct. 21 Mycorrhizae (outdoors)  
– Dr. Marty Kranabetter
25-T | 20. tree reproductive biology (PvA) |  
26 W | 21. tree reproductive biology (PvA) |  
28-F | 22. tree reproductive biology (PvA) | Oct. 28 Conifer Reproduction
Nov. 1-T | 23. tree reproductive biology (PvA) |  
2-W | 24. tree reproductive biology (PvA) |  
4-F | 25. tree-insect interaction – reproduction (PvA) | Nov. 4 Forestry Research
8-T  26. tree-insect interaction – defense (BJH)
9-11  READING BREAK

Nov. 15-T  27. tree-insect interaction – defense (BJH)
16-W  28. fire (BJH)
18-F  29. How to give a talk (BJH)

Nov. 11 no lab

16- F  28. fire (BJH)
18-F  29. How to give a talk (BJH)
Nov. 18 WFP forest nursery (outdoors)
Annette Van Niejenhuis

22-T  DEADLINE: essay due at start of Tuesday class
30. people and trees (BJH)

23-W  Note Room change - CUNN146
31. Guest lecture – Dr. David Brownstein - History of BC Forest Service
25-F  32. people and trees (BJH)  Nov. 25  Student Presentations

29-T  33. Guest lecture – Mr. Rupert Evans - Tree biomechanics
30-W  34. Guest lecture – Dr. John Russell - Forest genetics

Dec. 2-F  35. Review  Dec. 2  Student Presentations

Requirements:
Midterm exam  20%
Essay  20%
Oral presentation  5%
Laboratory  20%
Final exam  35%

Grading system:
Percentages converted to letter grades
A+ 90-100  A 85-89  A-  80-84  B+ 77-79  B 73-76  B- 70-72
C+ 65-69  C 60-64  D 50-59  F 0-49

NOTE: Plagiarism will, by itself, be grounds for an F whether or not F is assigned in any of the above categories.

There will be no supplemental exam. No electronic devices will be permitted during any exam.

Please note – the midterm cannot be deferred. If you miss the midterm but provide a doctor’s note, your final mark will be calculated on the basis of the other completed components of the course, and you will not incur any penalty. We assign a zero for any missed elements. Failure to complete too many important parts of the course (missed lab assignments, missed midterm) will result in being banned from the final.

Students must abide by academic regulations as set out in the university calendar. They must observe standards of scholarly integrity with regards to plagiarism and cheating. Please refer to the appropriate web page in the UVic Academic Calendar website [http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2016-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html](http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2016-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html)

Important dates (from UVic calendar)

Sept. 20, Tuesday: Last day to drop courses for a 100% reduction of tuition fees for first term courses.
Sept. 23, Friday: Last day for adding this course.
Sept. 30, Friday: Last day for paying first-term fees without financial penalty.
Oct. 10, Monday: Thanksgiving
Oct. 11, Tuesday: Last day to drop courses for a 50% reduction of tuition fees. 100% of tuition fees will be assessed for this course dropped after this date.
Oct. 31, Monday: Last day for dropping this course without penalty of failure.
Nov. 12-14, Monday -Wednesday: Reading Break (all Faculties).
Dec. 2, Friday: Last day of class in the first term.
Dec. 5 (Monday) – Dec. 19 (Monday): Examination period