

Course Syllabus
Department of Agricultural Sciences and Industrial Technology
Spring, 2008

Course #/Title: AGR 295-- Ornamental Plant Identification

Lecture: Rm. 320 Thomason Bldg MW 9:00—9:50 AM

Lab: W 1:00—2:50 PM

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Text: Native Texas Plants Landscaping Region by Region, 2nd Edition, Lone Star Books,
Sally Wasowski/Andy Wasowski. ISBN: 0891230777

Course Objective: Upon completion of this course, students should:

- Be able to identify approximately 150-200 landscape and common greenhouse plants by botanical and common name.
- Recognize basic vegetative and floral characteristics by which plants are identified.
- Identify growth characteristics of various landscape plants.
- Understand the functional and aesthetic uses of plants in landscape designs.

Outline of Topics:

- Techniques in Plant ID
- Plant groups
- Vegetative plant characteristics
- Reproductive plant characteristics
- Plants and their environments
- Uses of plants in landscape design

Course Evaluation:

Lecture Exams 2 @ 100 pts each	200
Course project	100
Lab quizzes (weekly)	100
Lab midterm	100
Lab final	100

Please monitor your grades throughout the semester. (ex. 540-600=A; 90% of 600=540)
(354pts. or less=F; 59% of 600=354).

Course Evaluation Description

- Lecture test will include all notes, text assignments and discussions from lecture.
- Course project will consist of a portfolio containing plants discussed in this course. Guidelines will be discussed in more details during lecture and lab.
- Lab quizzes will cover materials discussed in lab including plant identification (family, genus, common name and plant type).
- Lab midterm will include an oral and written exam covering material in the portfolio.
- Lab final will be a written cumulative evaluation of the plants covered in the class.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES ATTENDANCE POLICY

- 1. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Sam Houston State University.*
- 2. Each faculty member will keep a written record of student attendance.*
- 3. If a student misses **four or more classes**, the student's grade will be reduced by one letter grade. Additional penalties may be assessed at the discretion of the instructor.*
- 4. Three unexcused or unjustified tardies or early departures are considered as one absence.*
- 5. Excused absences must be documented by the student with a letter of confirmation from the sponsoring student organization, professor or doctor. Exemptions will include participation in departmental activities when prior approval is attained from the Department Chair.*
- 6. No exams or assignments will be given at alternative times unless arrangements are made with the professor/instructor before the scheduled activity occurs.*

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY *All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.*

CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT *Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.*

VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM *Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.*

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY *Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.*

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). This request must be made in the first fifteen days of the semester or the first seven days of a summer session in which the absence(s) will occur. The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.

Americans with Disabilities Act *SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: no accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.*