

**ORH 1030: Plants, Gardening and You (sections 1717 & 1974)
Course Syllabus, Fall 2018**

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Office hours: By appointment only. Simply email me at geranium@ufl.edu - in that message state your available times then I will get back to you promptly with a time and location to meet.

Course meeting time & location:

Thursday, Period 4 (10:40-11:30 PM) - section 1717
Thursday, Period 5 (11:45-12:35 PM) - section 1974
Location: McCarty Hall C room 100 (MCCC 0100)

Summary of Course: Plants, Gardening & You is a non-majors course that provides an overview of current trends and opportunities in the field of horticulture and plant science. Emphasis is placed on students gaining an enhanced awareness of the plants around them, where they come from, and why they are important to man.

Grading: 1000 TOTAL POINTS

Quizzes: 300 points (3 quizzes x 100 points ea.) - 10 to 20 multiple choice questions taken at the end of class

Final Exam: 300 points - this is COMPREHENSIVE - 50 multiple choice questions

Class attendance: 300 points (12 lectures x 25 points ea. + 1 free miss = 13 lectures)

Out of Class Project: 100 points

Grading scale:

895-1000 A	695-764	C
865-894 B+	665-694	D+
795-864 B	595-664	D
765-794 C+	<594	E

Attendance is mandatory and there are 14 meeting times. At the end of each class lecture period, students are to print and sign their name on 3x5 note cards - these will account for each student's attendance grade.

One unexcused absence is permitted during the semester - for each unapproved absence there will a 25 point reduction of your final grade (300 points/12 lectures). *NOTE: The first day does not count toward attendance, but students are responsible for knowing the material from the first lecture for quiz and exam purposes.* Approved absences must be submitted to Dr. Clark within one week before or after your absence - **no exceptions.** There will be no makeup quizzes or exams allowed without an excuse from a valid source, and make-ups need to be taken within one week of the missed class - **no exceptions.** Please do not be tempted to sign and submit cards for other students - since attendance is part of the grade, this falls under the UF Academic Honesty Policy (described below).

Out of Class Project: This is an exercise in getting to know the plants around you. Students are advised to begin this project as early as possible in the semester to assure they have enough time to complete it (described below).

Extra Credit: There will be at least three opportunities for out of class extra credit throughout the semester. Each extra credit opportunity is optional and will be worth 10 points added to your final point total (described below).

Bring a friend to class and raise your final grade: We encourage you help spread the word about this class. You are welcome to bring a friend to class during any class period except the day of the final exam. If you do, you will receive 25 points added to your final point total. **Students bringing friends are required to come to class early enough to introduce them to Dr. Clark before the start of lecture to obtain credit.** You are only allowed to receive 25 points, but you can bring as many friends as you want.

GENERAL NOTES:

- Do not expect powerpoint presentations to be posted for ANY lecture.
- It is your responsibility to attend class and take notes, and you will be compensated for that with 300 points for attendance.
- You are strongly encouraged to make a friend or colleague inside this course to make sure you have access to notes in the event you miss a lecture.
- **This class only uses Canvas for posting grades, submitting extra credit assignments and attendance.** Occasional announcements will be added as the semester progresses.
- Come to class prepared to take plants, potting soil, fertilizer etc. home with you.

- **The best way to guarantee success in this class is to:**
 - o **attend class every day**
 - o **take notes and study**
 - o **bring a friend to class one day**
 - o **attempt the extra credit assignments**
 - o **do the plant project well**

Course Decorum:

1. This is a one credit class and 30% of your grade depends on you showing up for class. The best way to insure your success in this class is by attending all classes and taking notes.
2. Give your full attention to the presenter. Quizzes are based on the presentations so maximize your time in class by soaking up all the information you can.
3. **Pretend you are at a business meeting.**
 - a. **Show up on time and treat your colleagues with respect.**
 - b. **If it goes beep, rings, makes noise, or you are able to talk into it, text friends, surf the internet or play games on it, please turn it off before you come into class.**
 - c. **Do not chat with your friends during the presentation. Talking not only distracts the speaker, but also other students around you that want to listen and learn.**
 - d. **If you do not abide by these rules, you will be politely asked to leave the classroom.**

Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: *"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."* You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: *"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <https://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>

Software Use:

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/

Counseling Services

Outreach and Consultation

Training Programs

Groups and Workshops

Self-Help Library

Community Provider Database

Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, www.crc.ufl.edu/

Services for Students with Disabilities

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

Disability Resource Center, 0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/

OUT OF CLASS PROJECT: 100 POINTS

The purpose of this assignment is to help you look closely at the plants around you from a creative point of view. For this assignment you will need to create one ORIGINAL creative project using the guidelines from one of the choices below.

Article/Report

- Write a 1,000+ word article about any topic concerning student-plant interactions for news release
- You MUST conduct interviews and include quotes with names and job titles/majors
 - Interview two people you do not know OR
 - Interview three people that you do know
- Include at least one original photo to complement your article
- Upload to Canvas as a Word document

Video

- Create a 30-60 second video
- Video must highlight college students and plants in some way
- ONLY original images/video/music/audio or music available under Creative Commons
- Cannot solely consist of still images with overlaid text
- Upload to Canvas as mp4 file
- Examples: <https://endowment.ore/flower-love-videos/>

Photography

- Take 20 high-quality images of plants or students and plants
- Caption each image with the common plant name and where you took the image, or create fun captions that could be used on social media
- Images must be AT LEAST 2048x2048 pixels
- Upload images to Canvas as JPEGs

Vector Images

- Create two original designs featuring plants that will appeal to college students
- Create one image using “People Who Love Plants” as inspiration (does not need to include text)
- Create one image using “Plants People Love” as inspiration (does not need to include text)
- MUST include at least three colors within graphics
- Upload to Canvas as a SWF, CDR, AI, or EPS file (scalable vector format)

Painting

- Plants or students with plants as subject, include plant name(s) in submission
- Paintings should be at least 90 square inches, about the size of a standard piece of printer paper
- Email Dr. Clark at geranimn@ufl.edu to set up a time to bring the painting to Dr. Clark’s office

Sketch/Drawing

- Plants or students with plants as subject, include plant name in submission
- If sketch/drawing is colored, submissions should be at least 90 square inches, about the size of a standard piece of printer paper
- If a sketch/drawing is black/white, submissions should be at least 180 square inches, about the size of two standard pieces of printer paper (can be multiple sketches)
- Scan as PDF and submit on Canvas

Other

- If you have an idea that isn’t listed, email Dr. Clark at geranium@ufl.edu with the subject line OUT OF CLASS PROJECT IDEA before November 1, 2018 at 5PM
- Include a brief description of your proposal and reasoning

DUE ON/BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2018 AT 5PM. Late submissions will not be accepted.

EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENTS

**** YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO ANY OF THESE EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENTS* ***

EXTRA CREDIT 1 - GROW TOMATOES FROM PLANT TO FRUIT

- Obtain 1 'Sweet 100' tomato plant in class.
 - Grow the plant until you produce one red fruit.
 - Take a picture of your red tomato **ON THE PLANT** and identify yourself in the picture.
 - Submit the file through Canvas.
 - Receive 10 extra credit points.
- **DUE ON/BEFORE NOVEMBER 15,2018 AT 5PM.** Late submissions will not be accepted.

EXTRA CREDIT 2 - HARVEST SEEDS, MAKE NEW PLANTS

- Obtain a **RIPE** fruit or vegetable from a salad, supennarket, farmer's market or from a plant.
 - Harvest the seeds and dry them properly.
 - Plant the seeds in potting soil, water them and watch them sprout.
 - Take a picture of one or more seedlings and identify yourself in the picture.
 - Submit the file through Canvas.
 - Receive 10 extra credit points.
 - ***Hint:** Easy ones to use for this project are tomatoes, peppers (red), citrus and melons.
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EXTRA CREDIT 3 - CLONE A COLEUS PLANT:

- Obtain 1 coleus plant in class or from a landscape.
 - Propagate one vegetative cutting to produce roots.
 - Take a picture of the cutting with roots and identify yourself in the picture.
 - Submit the file through Canvas.
 - Receive 10 extra credit points.
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ORH 1030 - Plants, Gardens, and You: Tentative Lecture Schedule - Fall 2018

August 23	Introduction to Horticulture
August 30	Plant Domestication
September 6	Plant Propagation
September 13	Coleus Breeding at UF QUIZ 1
September 20	The Science of Fragrance
September 27	Home and Sports Turfgrass
October 4	Plant Biotechnology
October 11	All About Orchids QUIZ 2
October 18	All About Strawberries
October 25	Caffeine in Plants
November 1	Edible Landscapes QUIZ3
November 8	All About Succulents and Cacti
November 15	Mystery Lecture
November 22	THANKSGIVING - Eat Plants
November 29	EXAM

****NOTE: Order of topics may change during the course of the semester****

****QUIZ AND EXAM DATES ARE SOLID****