



## Syllabus for AG23 Introduction to Plant Science

### Course Information

Semester & Year: Fall 2023

Course ID and Section #: AG23-E5556

Instructor: Robert Landry

Day/Time of required meetings: Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 – 11:30am in room AT-108

Number of proctored exams: 4

Course units: 3.00

### Instructor Contact Information

Office location: HU-121

Office hours: M/W 11:30am-1pm in person and online by appointment

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### Catalog Description

Introduction to plant science including structure, growth processes, propagation, physiology, growth media, biological competitors, and post-harvest factors of food, fiber, and ornamental plants. Laboratory required.

### Course Student Learning Outcomes

1. Describe sexual and asexual reproduction in higher plants.
2. Explain photosynthesis, respiration, and translocation in higher plants.
3. Analyze the structural components of higher plants.
4. Explain the standard plant propagation methods.

**Prerequisites/co-requisites/recommended preparation:** None

### Educational Accessibility & Support

College of the Redwoods is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for qualified students who could benefit from additional educational support and services. You may qualify if you have a physical, mental, sensory, or intellectual condition which causes you to struggle academically, including but not limited to:

- Mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, PTSD, bipolar disorder, and ADHD
- Common ailments such as arthritis, asthma, diabetes, autoimmune disorders, and diseases
- Temporary impairments such as a broken bone, recovery from significant surgery, or a pregnancy-related disability
- A learning disability (e.g., dyslexia, reading comprehension), intellectual disability, autism, or acquired brain injury
- Vision, hearing, or mobility challenges

Available services include extended test time, quiet testing environments, tutoring, counseling and advising, alternate formats of materials (e.g., audio books, E-texts), assistive technology, on-campus transportation, and more. If you believe you might benefit from disability- or health-related services and accommodations, please contact [Disability Services and Programs for Students \(DSPS\)](#). If you are unsure whether you qualify, please contact DSPS for a consultation: [dsp@redwoods.edu](mailto:dsp@redwoods.edu), 707-476-4280, Student Services Building, 1st floor.

**Student Commitment:** Students should expect to spend roughly nine hours per week on the course. This will consist of attending lectures, completing assigned readings, participating in lab activities, and submitting assignments on time.

### Computer Skills:

This course requires basic computer skills. Before beginning, make sure you can:

- navigate the course Learning Management System (Canvas) and websites as needed,
- receive and respond to your CR email,
- upload and download files using Canvas, and
- use a word processor (such as Microsoft Word or Pages).

**Technology Requirements:** You need to have reliable access to the internet for the duration of the course. Anticipate problems with your computer and internet access (including power outages) by not waiting until the last minute to submit assignments. It is your responsibility to meet the class deadlines.

**Using Portable Devices to access the Canvas course:** If you do decide to use your portable device for some of your class work, use the free Canvas app (called “Canvas Students”) available in iTunes (for iOS) and the Google Play Store (for Android). Do not try to connect to Canvas using a web browser on a portable device. Your experience with Canvas will be a lot better using the app.

### Canvas Support Information

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Log into Canvas at <https://redwoods.instructure.com>

Password is your 8 digit birth date

For tech help, email [its@redwoods.edu](mailto:its@redwoods.edu) or call 707-476-4160

Canvas Help for students: <https://webapps.redwoods.edu/tutorial/>

Canvas online orientation workshop: [Canvas Student Orientation Course \(instructure.com\)](https://redwoods.instructure.com/courses/Canvas%20Student%20Orientation%20Course)

**Exams:** Exams will take place in person during the regular scheduled class time unless otherwise specified by your instructor.

**Recommended Textbook:** *Plant Science: Growth, Development, and Utilization of Cultivated Plants*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed McMahon. ISBN: 978-0135184820. All other course materials will be provided by your instructor.

### Evaluation & Grading Policy

Final course grade will be calculated as follows:

Assignment	Points
Quizzes: 25 points each	150
Exams: 50 points each	200
Lab Participation: 20 points each	160
Research Write-Ups: 25 points each	50
Plant Research Symposium: 35 points each	70
Pressed Plants	70
<b>Total:</b>	<b>700</b>

## AG23 Introduction to Plant Science Course Schedule

\*SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Week	Dates	Lecture/Lab Topic	Reading	Quizzes/Exams
1	8/21 8/23	Uses and Importance of Plants Plant Cells and Tissues	Ch. 6 (86-96)	
2	8/28 8/30	Plant Organs (Roots, Stems, Leaves)	Ch. 6 (p. 96-115)	
3	9/4 9/6	<b>Labor Day Holiday – No class Mon</b> Plant Organs (Flowers, Fruits, Seeds)		<b>Quiz 1</b>
4	9/11 9/13	Plant Organs, cont. Review for unit exam		<b>Quiz 2</b>
5	9/18 9/20	<b>Exam 1</b> <b>Plant Research Symposium #1</b>		<b>Exam I</b>
6	9/25 9/27	Plant Growth and Development	Ch. 7	
7	10/2 10/4	Soil, Plant and Water Relationships	Ch. 5 and 12	<b>Quiz 3</b>
8	10/9 10/11	Field Trip to Shively Farm Review for unit exam		<b>Quiz 4</b>
9	10/16 10/18	<b>Exam 2</b> Pressed Plants and Botanical Gardens		<b>Exam 2</b>
10	10/23 10/25	Plant Breeding and Propagation	Ch. 9	
11	10/30 11/1	Photosynthesis and Respiration	Ch. 11	<b>Quiz 5</b>
12	11/6 11/8	Plant Chemistry and Communication Review for unit exam	Ch. 8	<b>Quiz 6</b>
13	11/13 11/15	<b>Exam 3</b> <b>Plant Research Symposium #2</b>		<b>Exam 3</b>
	11/20 11/22	<b>Fall Holiday Week – No Classes</b>		
14	11/27 11/29	Plant Nutrition	Ch. 13	
15	12/4 12/6	<b>Pressed Plants Due in Class</b> Review for final exam		<b>Quiz 7</b>
16		<b>Final Exam – date/time tbd</b>		

## Student Support

Good information and clear communication about your needs will help you be successful. Please let your instructor know about any specific challenges or technology limitations that might affect your participation in class. College of the Redwoods wants every student to be successful.

## Admissions deadlines & enrollment policies

### Fall 2023 Dates

- August 18<sup>th</sup>: Last day to register for classes (day before the first class meeting)
- August 19<sup>th</sup>: Classes begin
- August 25<sup>th</sup>: Last day to add a class
- September 1<sup>st</sup>: Last day to drop without a “W” and receive a refund
- September 4<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day Holiday (All Campuses Closed)
- September 5<sup>th</sup>: Census Date (20% of class)
- October 26<sup>th</sup>: Last day to petition to graduate
- October 27<sup>th</sup>: Last day for student initiated withdrawal (62.5% of class)
- October 27<sup>th</sup>: Last day for faculty initiated withdrawal (62.5% of class)
- November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Day (All Campuses Closed)
- November 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving break (no classes)
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: No Classes, all campuses closed
- December 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>: Final Examinations
- December 15<sup>th</sup>: Last day to file for P/NP option
- December 15<sup>th</sup>: Semester Ends
- December 22<sup>nd</sup>: Grades due
- January 5<sup>th</sup>: Grades available

## Academic dishonesty

In the academic community, the high value placed on truth implies a corresponding intolerance of scholastic dishonesty. In cases involving academic dishonesty, determination of the grade and of the student’s status in the course is left primarily to the discretion of the faculty member. In such cases, where the instructor determines that a student has demonstrated academic dishonesty, the student may receive a failing grade for the assignment and/or exam and may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

## Disruptive behavior

Student behavior or speech that disrupts the instructional setting will not be tolerated. Disruptive conduct may include, but is not limited to: unwarranted interruptions; failure to adhere to instructor’s directions; vulgar or obscene language; slurs or other forms of intimidation; and physically or verbally abusive behavior. In such cases where the instructor determines that a student has disrupted the educational process, a disruptive student may be temporarily removed from class. In addition, the student may be reported to the Chief Student Services Officer or designee. The Student Code of Conduct ([AP 5500](#)) is available on the College of the Redwoods website. Additional information about the rights and responsibilities of students, Board policies, and administrative procedures is located in the [College Catalog](#) and on the [College of the Redwoods website](#).

## Inclusive Language in the Classroom

College of the Redwoods aspires to create a learning environment in which all people feel comfortable in contributing their perspectives to classroom discussions. It therefore encourages instructors and students to use language that is inclusive and respectful.

## Setting Your Preferred Name in Canvas

Students have the ability to have an alternate first name and pronouns to appear in Canvas. Contact [Admissions & Records](#) to request a change to your preferred first name and pronoun. Your Preferred Name will only be listed in Canvas. This does not change your legal name in our records. See the [Student Information Update form](#).

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## Community College Student Health and Wellness

Resources, tools, and trainings regarding health, mental health, wellness, basic needs and more designed for California community college students, faculty and staff are available on the California Community Colleges [Health & Wellness website](#).

[Wellness Central](#) is a free online health and wellness resource that is available 24/7 in your space at your pace.

Students seeking to request a counseling appointment for academic advising or general counseling can email [counseling@redwoods.edu](mailto:counseling@redwoods.edu).

## Emergency procedures / Everbridge

College of the Redwoods has implemented an emergency alert system called Everbridge. In the event of an emergency on campus you will receive an alert through your personal email and/or phones.

Registration is not necessary in order to receive emergency alerts. Check to make sure your contact information is up-to-date by logging into WebAdvisor <https://webadvisor.redwoods.edu> and selecting 'Students' then 'Academic Profile' then 'Current Information Update.'

Please contact Public Safety at 707-476-4112 or [security@redwoods.edu](mailto:security@redwoods.edu) if you have any questions. For more information see the [Redwoods Public Safety Page](#).

In an emergency that requires an evacuation of the building anywhere in the District:

- Be aware of all marked exits from your area and building
- Once outside, move to the nearest evacuation point outside your building
- Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel

Do not leave campus unless it has been deemed safe by the campus authorities.

## Eureka Campus Emergency Procedures

Please review the [campus emergency map](#) for evacuation sites, including the closest site to this classroom (posted by the exit of each room). For more information on Public Safety go to the [CR Police Department- Public Safety](#). It is the responsibility of College of the Redwoods to protect life and property from the effects of emergencies within its own jurisdiction.

In the event of an emergency:

1. Evaluate the impact the emergency has on your activity/operation and take appropriate action.
2. Dial 911, to notify local agency support such as law enforcement or fire services.
3. Notify Public Safety 707-476-4111 and inform them of the situation, with as much relevant information as possible.
4. Public Safety shall relay threat information, warnings, and alerts through the Everbridge emergency alert system, Public address system, and when possible, updates on the college website, to ensure the school community is notified.
5. Follow established procedures for the specific emergency as outlined in the College of the Redwoods Emergency Procedure Booklet, (evacuation to a safe zone, shelter in place, lockdown, assist others if possible, cooperate with First Responders, etc.).
6. If safe to do so, notify key administrators, departments, and personnel.
7. Do not leave campus unless it is necessary to preserve life and/or has been deemed safe by the person in command.

## Student Support Services

The following online resources are available to support your success as a student:

- [CR-Online](#) (Comprehensive information for online students)
- [Library Articles & Databases](#)
- [Canvas help and tutorials](#)
- [Online Student Handbook](#)
- [Online Tutoring Resources](#)

[Counseling](#) offers assistance to students in need of professional counseling services such as crisis counseling.

Learning Resource Center includes the following resources for students

- [Library Services](#) to promote information literacy and provide organized information resources.
- [Multicultural & Diversity Center](#)
- [Academic Support Center](#) – offers tutoring and test proctoring for CR students.
- [Student Tech Help](#) – provides students with assistance around a variety of tech problems.

Special programs are also available for eligible students include:

- [Extended Opportunity Programs & Services \(EOPS\)](#) provides services to eligible income disadvantaged students including: textbook award, career academic and personal counseling, school supplies, transportation assistance, tutoring, laptop, calculator and textbook loans, priority registration, graduation cap and gown, workshops, and more!
- The TRiO Student Success Program provides eligible students with a variety of services including trips to 4-year universities, career assessments, and peer mentoring. Students can apply for the program in [Eureka](#) or in [Del Norte](#)
- The [Veteran's Resource Center](#) supports and facilitates academic success for Active Duty Military, Veterans and Dependents attending CR through relational advising, mentorship, transitional assistance, and coordination of military and Veteran-specific resources.
- [CalWORKS](#) – assists student parents with children under the age of 18, who are receiving cash assistance (TANF), to become self-sufficient.
- Klamath-Trinity students can contact the CR KT Office for specific information about student support services at 530-625-4821.