

## Composites and Legumes, BIOL 5307, Fall 2016

### Syllabus

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**Office Hours:** M 3:00–5:00 p.m., T 2:00–5:00 p.m., or by appointment. Drop in at random if you feel lucky. If I'm in the office, you're welcome.

**Time and Venue of Lecture:** MWF 9:00–9:50 a.m., WSB 204

**Textbooks:** None required.

Recommended: Funk VA, Susanna A., Stuessy TF, Bayer R.J. (eds.). 2009. *Systematics, Evolution, and Biogeography of Compositae*. International Association for Plant Taxonomy, Vienna, Austria.

Recommended: Turner BL. 1959. *The Legumes of Texas*. University of Texas Press, Austin.

Recommended: Correll DS, Johnston MC. 1970. *Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas*. Texas Research Foundation, Renner, Texas.

Recommended: Turner BL, Nichols H, Den G. 2003. *Atlas of the Vascular Plants of Texas, Vol. 1, Dicots*. Botanical Research Institute of Texas, Fort Worth.

### Tentative Lecture Schedule:

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DATE	LECTURE TOPICS
8/22	Introduction, history of systematic study of Compositae
8/24	History of systematic study of Compositae
8/26	Useful terminology – first installment
8/29	Useful terminology – first installment
8/31	Economic importance of Compositae
9/02	Economic importance of Compositae
9/05	<b>Labor Day</b>
9/07	Character evolution of Compositae – secondary chemistry
9/09	Character evolution of Compositae – microcharacters
9/12	Character evolution of Compositae – pollen
9/14	Character evolution of Compositae – flowers
9/16	Character evolution of Compositae – breeding systems, polyploidy, and islands
9/19	<b>FIRST EXAM</b>
9/21	Phylogeny, classification and biogeography of the tribes – a first look
9/23	Cladistic analysis of relationships within the order Asterales; <b>term paper topic due</b> .
9/26	Compositae – complexity at the base of the tree; more terminology
9/28	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Barnadesioideae
9/30	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Mutisioideae
10/03	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Stiffioideae
10/05	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Wunderlichioideae
10/07	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Gochnatioideae (and Hyalioideae)

10/10	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Hecastocladoideae
10/12	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Carduoideae
10/14	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Pertyoideae
10/17	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Cichorioideae
10/19	Subfamilies of the Compositae – Asteroideae
10/21	Tribes and genera commonly represented in West Texas
10/24	Tribes and genera commonly represented in West Texas
10/26	<b>Second Exam</b>
10/28	Leguminosae – introduction
10/31	Leguminosae – introduction
11/02	Leguminosae – floral and fruit morphology
11/04	Leguminosae – chromosomal data and breeding system
11/07	Leguminosae – secondary chemistry
11/09	Leguminosae – economic importance
11/11	Leguminosae – biogeography and floristic regions
11/14	Leguminosae – Papilionoideae
11/16	Leguminosae – Papilionoideae
11/18	Leguminosae – Mirnosoideae
11/21	Leguminosae – Caesalpinioideae
11/23-27	<b>Thanksgiving Hols</b>
11/28	<b>Third Exam</b>
11/30	Review; term papers due.
12/01	<b>Dead day (R.I.P.). No class. Study!</b>
12/06	<b>Final Exam: Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.</b>

### **OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:**

- Understand the role of key figures in the history of the botany of the Compositae and Leguminosae.
- Appropriately apply the terminology used in the description of the morphology, evolution, phylogenetic analysis and biogeography of these plants.
- Understand the classification and nomenclature of composites and legumes.
- Recognize the morphological features of pollen grains and how they are used in the systematic study of the Compositae and Leguminosae.
- Use a cladistic approach to analyze relationships among related taxa in these groups.
- Understand the role of DNA sequence analysis in creating cladistic trees in these families.
- Recognize the role of chromosome analysis in systematic grouping of composites and legumes.
- Analyze the morphology of flowers and floral characters in the two families.
- Compare the results of morphological analysis and molecular analysis in inferring relationships among taxa in these families.
- Analyze micro-characters in composites.
- Understand plant breeding systems, polyploidy, and their role in the colonization of islands.
- Analyze the secondary chemistry of composites and legumes.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the economic importance of composites and legumes, with emphasis on the native species of West Texas.

**GRADING:** Grades as a percentage of 500 total points will be reported as letter grades according to the following percentage intervals: A = 89.5–100%, B = 79.5–89.5%, C = 69.5–79.5%, D = 59.5–69.5%, F = 0–59.5%.

**POINT DISTRIBUTION:**

Three Lecture Exams @ 100 points	300
Term Paper	50
Final Exam (comprehensive)	150
<b>TOTAL POINTS FOR COURSE:</b>	<b>500</b>

**Attendance** is required. Students will be dropped with an F for excessive absences, defined as absences that exceed 20% of the course (i.e., 9 lectures in this course). If you know that you must miss a class, please show me the courtesy of letting me know in advance.

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