

## GENERAL BOTANY LAB (BIOL 1111) – SYLLABUS – FALL 2019

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**Text:** Zech, J. C. and A. M. Powell. 2016. *Discover the Chihuahuan Desert: General Botany. A Laboratory Manual For Biology 1111*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX.

### Schedule:

Aug 28/29	Lab 1: Planting and Plant Diversity
Sept 4/5	Lab 2: The Cell and Cellular Replication
Sept 11/12	Lab 3: Roots: Primary Growth
Sept 18/19	PRACTICAL EXAM (Assigned Lab Times)
Sept 25/26	Lab 4: Stems: Primary and Secondary Growth
Oct 2/3	Lab 5: Leaves (Lab Report Introduction Draft Due)
Oct 9/10	Lab 6: Classification
Oct 16/17	PRACTICAL EXAM (Assigned Lab Times, Material/Methods Draft Due)
Oct 23/24	Lab 8: Non-Vascular Plants
Oct 30/31	Lab 9: Seedless Vascular Plants (Results/Discussion Draft Due)
Nov 6/7	Lab 10: Vascular Seed Plants (VSP): Gymnosperms
Nov 13/14	Lab 11, 12 VSP: Angiosperm Flowers & Fruits (FINAL LAB REPORT DUE)
Nov 15	LAST DAY TO DROP WITH A W
Nov 20/21	PRACTICAL EXAM (Final)
Nov 27/28	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Dec 4/5	NO LABS
Dec 11/12	NO LABS

**Grading:** The final grade is determined by the total points gained by the total points possible and the scale below. There will be no deviation from this scale:

Grading Scale (percent of total points): A: 90-100; B: 80-89; C: 70-79; D: 60-69; F: 59 and lower.

- Three Practical Exams @ 50 points each = 150 points
- Lab Report 50 pts
- Total 200 pts

**Attendance:** Attendance is highly recommended to do well in this course. Labs cannot be repeated after the last section on Thursday. If it's necessary to attend another section, please contact your instructor before lab to ensure space is available. Practical Exams must be taken on their scheduled dates with very few exceptions.

Labs meet every week in WSB 206: Lab 1: Weds 1-2:50; Lab 2: Wed 3-4:50; Lab 3: Weds 7-8:50; Lab 4: Thurs 2-3:50; and Lab 5: Thurs 4-5:50.

**Rules:** NO CHILDREN; NO CHEATING (UNIVERSITY POLICY); NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES; NO TOBACCO; NO HEADPHONES; NO FEET ON THE FURNITURE; NO CELLPHONES; NO EXTRA TIME FOR EXAMS IF YOU ARE LATE.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of basic biological concepts, including but not limited to evolution via natural selection, cell theory, and the role and function of DNA.
- The student will be able to demonstrate utilization of various field techniques toward addressing scientific questions in the specific discipline. These field techniques can include, but are not limited to, plant collection and processing, various animal collection techniques, ecological surveying and sampling, and biodiversity indexing.
- The student will be able to use biological instrumentation to solve biological problems using standard observational strategies.
- The student will develop writing skills by summarizing and critiquing recent relevant biological literature.

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