

Syllabus

AGRI 1415. Principles of Horticulture.

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Disclaimer: This syllabus is intended to give students guidance and a schedule of events for this course. It is the instructors plan to follow this schedule as closely as possible. However, the instructor reserves the right to revise, alter, or amend this syllabus as warranted by circumstances throughout the semester. Announcement made during class or through email will take precedence over information in this syllabus.

Contact Information

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Class Structure: Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Texts and Other Course Materials

Non-required Text:

- R. N., Arteca. 2006. Introduction to Horticulture Science.
 - I will be covering each topic directly from this text book and will provide you with notes and presentations which directly correlate. Therefore, the text is not required for this course.

Other Required Materials:

- ICEV Service
- Access to Microsoft Office Suite (Word and PowerPoint)
 - During the duration of this course these platforms will be utilized to complete projects and assignments.

Course Requirements and Evaluation

Grades will be determined using the following weighting system:

Exam 1	100 points (11.8%)
Exam 2	100 points (11.8%)
Exam 3	100 points (11.8%)
Project	200 points (23.5%)
Lab Assignments	200 points (23.5%)
Final Exam	150 points (18.8%)
Daily Assignments	Bonus Points Toward Exams
Total	850 points (100%)

Final course grade will be assigned as follows:

A – 89.5 - 100

B – 79.5 – 89.4

C – 69.5 – 79.4

D – 59.5 – 69.4

F – 59.4 >

Course Assignments

Exams

- Three exams will be given in this course.
- Each exam will be worth 100 points.
- Exam dates are in the tentative course calendar (please remember dates are subject to change).
- Exams will consist of many different question formats (for example, multiple choice, true/false, short answer, ect.)

Project

- The project for this course will be discussed during class and clear instructions will be handed out closer to the due date

Lab

- Lab will be every Tuesday from 1:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. unless told otherwise.

Daily Assignments

- The first five minutes of each allotted class period will be spent working through a daily assignment.
- This daily assignment could consist of a quiz, short answer assignment, article review, ect.
- These assignments will not count against your grade they will only help to boost it.
- With each assignment completed, bonus points will be awarded, these bonus points will be used to supplement grades on exams.

- The instructor will begin introducing and passing out the daily assignment at 9:30 a.m. sharp.
- If a student has not entered the classroom before all the assignments have been passed out the tardy student will not have the opportunity to attempt that assignment.

Core Objectives

In accordance with recommendations from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, all life and physical science courses at Clarendon College will address the following core objectives:

CT - Critical Thinking Skills – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information.

COM - Communication Skills – to include effective written, oral, and visual communication.

EQS - Empirical and Quantitative Skills – to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.

SR – Social Responsibility – to include intercultural competency, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Policies and Responsibilities

Class Attendance

Clarendon College believes strongly that the greatest single predictor of student success is class attendance. Students are expected to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. Class attendance is the responsibility of the student. **It is also the responsibility of the student to consult with all instructors when an absence occurs.** Instructors are responsible for keeping an accurate record of class attendance and for informing students of attendance requirements. Students who have attendance problems, for whatever reason, are strongly encouraged to consult with each of their instructors as well as the counselor.

Excused absence:

NOTE: A student's attendance record may not be penalized for an excused absence. The student shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment which occurred during the excused absence. This along with any other make-up work should be scheduled with the instructor. An example of an excused absence is pre-approved participation in a school-sponsored activity. **You must inform the instructor when you will be gone before your absence in the case of an excused absence. The instructor will coordinate assignments missed and when the student will need to complete those assignments.**

Attendance Policy / Daily Assignments

In this course, attendance will not count towards your grade. However, I have derived a policy which I feel will teach students that the statement listed under class attendance is indeed true. The instructor will take attendance using daily assignments that will take place at the start of each class period. These daily assignments are meant to help your final grade in this course. By enacting this attendance policy, it is my hope that students will be able to directly correlate attendance to student success.

Academic Rights of Students

The College has the responsibility of providing a program of quality education in keeping with its financial resources; students have protection through campus-designed procedures against prejudiced or capricious academic evaluation. Student performance shall be evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards. Students are responsible for completing their academic program, being familiar with all requirements of the College Catalog, and for maintaining their grade point average for degree requirements

Student Academic Integrity and Classroom Ethics

Clarendon College is committed to a philosophy of honesty and academic integrity. It is the responsibility of all members of the Clarendon College community to maintain academic integrity at Clarendon College by refusing to participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense. Academic dishonesty violations include, but are not limited to:

1. obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion;
2. discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment before it is given;
3. observing the work of another during an examination or providing answers to another during the course of an examination;
4. using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment;
5. entering an office, classroom, laboratory, or building to obtain an unfair advantage;
6. taking an examination for another person;
7. completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person;
8. altering grade records;
9. using any unauthorized form of an electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory activity; and/or,

10. plagiarism. (Plagiarism is defined as the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own an idea, expression, or production of another person's work without proper credit. This includes, but is not limited to, turning in a paper purchased or acquired from any source, written by someone other than the student claiming credit, or stolen from another student.)

Students are responsible for reporting known acts of academic dishonesty to a faculty member, the program coordinator, the vice president, and/or dean. Any student with knowledge of a violation who fails to report it shall him/herself be in violation and shall be considered to have committed an act of academic dishonesty.

While academic integrity and honesty are the responsibility of the individual student, each individual faculty member, teaching assistant, and/or laboratory instructor is responsible for classroom management and for maintaining ethical behavior within the classroom and/or laboratory. Faculty who discover or suspect a violation should discuss the matter with the suspected violator(s) and attempt to resolve the case at that point. In cases of convincing evidence, the faculty member should take appropriate action. The faculty member and student should complete a Counseling Sheet regarding the violation. (The Counseling Sheet should contain at a minimum the date and time of the violation, the course, the instructor's name, the student's name, an explanation of the infraction or facts of the case, and the resolution to the incident.) This form should be signed by the student, faculty member, program coordinator, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Vice President of Academic Affairs will maintain a file on all violations. If a faculty member prefers to report the case directly to Vice President of Academic Affairs, it remains his/her prerogative to do so. Additionally, if the faculty member and the accused student cannot reach a resolution or if the faculty member believes that suspension from school is the only fair sanction, the case should immediately be reported, by the faculty member, in writing, to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. If the Vice President of Academic Affairs observes any trends in student behavior which involve more than one violation or act of academic dishonesty, the Vice President of Academic Affairs is responsible for notifying all faculty members involved, for contacting the student(s) involved, and after consultation with the faculty member(s) involved for taking the appropriate action. The Vice President of Academic Affairs is responsible for the timely notification (normally within two weeks) to all parties of an action taken.

Students wishing to appeal a disciplinary decision involving academic integrity or acts of academic dishonesty may do so through the Student Appeals and Grievance Procedure.

The full details of **Student Rights and Responsibilities** policies can be viewed on Clarendon College's website at: [www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Legal/24-25/FLA\(LEGAL\).pdf](http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Legal/24-25/FLA(LEGAL).pdf)

Accommodation Statement

REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any student who feels that he or she may need any special assistance or accommodation because of an impairment or disabling condition should contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services at 806-

874-4837 / janean.reish@clarendoncollege.edu or visit the Clarendon campus at Clarendon College. It is the policy of Clarendon College to provide reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Clarendon College, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

It is the policy of Clarendon College not to discriminate based on gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. Harassment of a student in class, i.e., a pattern of behavior directed against a particular student with the intent of humiliating or intimidating that student will not be tolerated. The mere expression of one's ideas is not harassment and is fully protected by academic freedom, but personal harassment of individual students is not permitted.

Email Etiquette

All students are expected to send professional emails. All emails should follow the format listed below. This policy is enacted to make it easier for the instructor to find and reply to your emails in a timely fashion and also aid in the students professional development.

Example Email:

Subject Line of Email: AGRI 1415 - <insert brief subject title here>

Body of Email:

Mr. Gillespie,

<Insert the body of your message here.>

Sincerely,

Student Name

Withdrawing from (Dropping) the Course

Students desiring to make schedule changes after their initial registration each semester must do so during the designated "Drop and Add" period as scheduled in the College Catalog. Students will be required to pay tuition and fees applicable to any class(es) added to their schedule.

Official withdrawal from a course is initiated in the Office of the Registrar. However, each student should consult with his/her academic advisor or the Associate Dean of Enrolment before officially withdrawing from a course. A student who stops attending a class without officially dropping it may receive a grade of “F” for that class.

Final Exams

The schedule of final exams times is published at the beginning of the semester. You can find the schedule for final exams at: <https://www.clarendoncollege.edu/insideCC>. Do not make plans to leave school before your scheduled final exam. Faculty members cannot on their own authorize a student to take a final exam early. In exceptional circumstances if a student needs to take a final exam early, he/she may request early final exams by filling out the form at:

<https://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Admin/Request%20for%20Early%20Final%20Exams.pdf>.

Tentative Course Schedule

Week	Topic	Assignments
W1 8/26, 8/28	Syllabus Day, Unit 1	Introductions
W2 9/2, 9/4	Unit 2	
W3 9/9, 9/11	Unit 3 P. I	
W4 9/16, 9/18	Unit 3 P. II	Exam 1 (9/18)
W5 9/23, 9/25	Unit 3 P. III	
W6 9/30, 10/2	Unit 4	
W7 10/7, 10/9	Unit 5 P. I	
W8 10/14, 10/16		Exam 2 (10/14)
W9 10/21 , 10/23	Unit 5 P. II	
W10 10/28, 10/30	Unit 5 P. III	
W11 11/4, 11/6	Unit 6	
W11, 11/13, 11/15		
W13 11/18 , 11/20	Unit 7	
W14 11/25, 11/27	Unit 8	Exam 3 (11/27)
W15 12/2, 12/4		Project Presentations
W16 12/8-10	Final Exams	