

# Standardized course Syllabus



## Plant Science | AGR1313| Section VAA

### Course Information

#### Instructor Contact Information

Instructor:

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#### Communication Policy

The best way to get in touch with me is through Canvas Messenger or your Co-Lin email. I try to respond to all emails within 24 hours during the week. Emails sent on the weekends may have a longer response time.

#### Course Description

Scientific principles as the basis for practice in producing, handling, processing, marketing, and utilizing agronomic and horticultural crops.

#### Prerequisites

NONE

#### Required Computer and Digital Literacy Skills

Taking an online course requires reliable access to a computer and the internet. You should be comfortable using Canvas, sending email, and downloading and installing software.

#### Required Texts and Materials

**Required Textbook:** Plant Science 5<sup>th</sup> edition – Growth, Development and Utilization of Cultivated Plants. McMahon, Kofranek, and Rubatsky

**eRESOURCE STATEMENT:** The course is part of Co-Lin's eResource Instant Access Program. It provides access to online course materials that in past years would be purchased directly from the bookstore or on a publisher's website - like textbooks and courseware - but at significantly discounted prices. This allows access to the required materials at the lowest possible cost, and these charges are automatically billed to your student account upon enrollment in the course. To access your materials, they are conveniently linked in your Canvas account. This fee is non-refundable. Students are

responsible for the charge if they choose to withdraw from the course or get cut-out based on excessive absences.

### Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- A. Explain the role of higher plants in the world and development of Agriculture
- B. Identify the structure of higher plants
- C. Describe the vegetative and reproductive growth and development of plants including photosynthesis and respiration
- D. Recognize the biological competitors and pests of crop plants
- E. Name and classify plants

### METHODS OF EVALUATION:

1. Discussion Forums
2. Quizzes
3. Tests/Exams
4. Projects/Papers

Grading Scale: \*\*Grades will be updated and posted on a regular basis on Canvas\*\*

A 90 – 100

B 80 – 89

C 70 – 79

D 60 – 69

F Below 60

### Late/Makeup Work

Students are subjected to 5 to 10 points reduction due to any late/makeup work submissions.

## **Support Services**

As an online student at Co-Lin, you have access to all services including advisement, counseling, tutoring, financial aid, library and other learning resources. Please visit the [Student Services page](#) for more information.

### Technical Support

For a complete guide for all of the features built into Canvas, please [click here](#).

Students who need help accessing Canvas, resetting a password, using email, or with any other technology programs, should contact the IT Helpdesk: <http://helpdesk.colin.edu/>

Students can download Office 365 for free and use while they have an active Co-Lin account. While you are logged into your Office 365 Webmail, you may go to options (gear icon upper right corner) and choose Office 365 Settings. Then choose Software on the left side.

Students can also find answers to frequently asked technology questions on the Technology page:

<https://www.colin.edu/students/technology/>

Course Technology Accessibility Statements and Privacy Policies

- [Canvas Accessibility Statement](#): This course uses technologies that may support accessibility in different ways.
- [Canvas Privacy Policy](#): This course uses technologies that provide privacy.

## Accommodations

Copiah-Lincoln Community College is committed to providing equal opportunities for students with disabilities. If you are a distance learning student with a disability, you will be provided with the same type of services that would be provided to a student on campus. However, the manner in which these services are provided may differ to accommodate your needs.

If you are a student who has a disability which qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and requires accommodations, you should contact the [Office of Disability Support Services](#) on your campus. If you are not a Co-Lin student, please contact your local Disability Support Services Coordinator at your respective campus.

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## **College Policies**

Students are protected by and responsible for the policies which are detailed in the Co-Lin Student Handbook. A digital version of the Handbook is available on the [Publications and Policies page](#).

### Plagiarism/Cheating

Plagiarism is the presenting of words or ideas of others without giving proper credit. In addition to being a violation of the student code of conduct, plagiarism is both unethical and illegal. When a student puts his name on a piece of writing, the reader assumes that student is responsible for the information, wording, and organization. A writer cannot copy direct quotations without providing quotation marks and without acknowledging the source. Paraphrasing material or using an original idea that is not properly introduced is the most common type of plagiarism. The college prohibits dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to the officials or faculty of the college or their representatives. Cheating is subject to consequences stated in the instructor's syllabus and the Disciplinary Sanctions section of the Student Handbook:

1. First offense - grade of "0" for the assignment and the documents should be forwarded to the appropriate Dean/Vice President where the student will be placed on instructional/disciplinary probation.
2. Second offense - documentation should be forwarded to the appropriate Dean/ Vice President. The student will be administratively withdrawn from the course for that semester in cases of a repeat offense in that course.
3. Third offense - student will be referred to the Dean of Students/Vice President for appropriate action, up to dismissal from the college.

Using an electronic device or other material without permission during an exam will be considered cheating regardless of intent. Other forms of cheating will include, but are not limited to: having information available in any non-approved form, such as papers, books, notes, materials hidden in apparel, written on self or desks, tabbing out to another computer screens, looking at other students' work, communicating with other students in any manner.

### Course Attendance

Attendance in an online course is defined as active participation. Each week, I will post assignments that you will be responsible for completing by the due date in order to be counted as present. You should be logging into Canvas at least three times a week to view assignments, presentations, contribute to discussions, post questions, etc. Activities and assignments will be posted in advance, providing ample time for completion. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

- A "no-show" is someone who has not participated at all. To prevent being turned in as a "no-show" for a 15-week course, you must login and submit at least one assignment within the first two weeks of the term. To prevent being turned in as a "no-show" for an 8-week course, you must login and submit at least one assignment within the first week of the term. To prevent being turned in as a "no-show" for a 4-week course, you must login and submit at least one assignment within the first 3 days of the term.
- A "cut-out" is someone who stops participating in the course. Your instructor will submit you as a "cut-out" after 3 recorded absences for 15-week courses or after 2 recorded absences if it is a 4- or 8-week course.

| LENGTH OF COURSE | MAXIMUM ABSENCES | INSTRUCTOR CUT-OUT PROCESSED |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 15 WEEK          | 2                | 3 <sup>RD</sup>              |
| 8 WEEK           | 1                | 2 <sup>ND</sup>              |
| 4 WEEK           | 1                | 2 <sup>ND</sup>              |

If you are cut out of a course for excessive absences, you may complete a [Request for Reinstatement](#) within seven days of the cut out. Reinstatements are evaluated based on the amount of missing work and the student's ability to successfully complete the course.

#### Dropping a Course

Any course that is dropped prior to the official withdrawal date will constitute a "W". The grade "W" is not used in computing grade point average. Please note that withdrawing from an online course does not remove your responsibility to pay for the course. If you are receiving any type of financial aid, please contact your advisor, Enrollment Services, and/or the Financial Aid Office before completing the withdrawal form. The deadlines for withdrawal and the link to the form are available on the [Course Withdrawals](#) page.

#### Online Etiquette

It is important to build a class climate that is welcoming and safe for everyone. Please display respect for everyone in the class. You should avoid any negative language that may exclude members of our campus and community.

- Humor and sarcasm don't translate very well when using email or online discussions. Be careful. I **will delete** any posting that I believe is inappropriate.
- Keep in mind that there is a real, live human being with feelings on the other end of your email or discussion posting—if you were sitting in front of that person, would you say to his/her face what you are saying in your email or discussion posting? Remember that your words are written in an email or discussion posting, and you cannot take them back.
- Avoid offensive language, especially comments that might be construed as racist or sexist.
- Remember that the law still applies in cyberspace. Do not commit illegal acts online, such as libeling or slandering others, and do not joke about committing illegal acts.
- Do not post a message more than once.
- Generally speaking, avoid putting words into full capitals. Online, all-caps is considered SHOUTING.
- If you are following up a previous message or posting, summarize that message or posting. Read existing follow-up postings and do not repeat what has already been written.
- Reveal only information that you are comfortable sharing.

## Fair Use Policy

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## Syllabus Revision

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

| Date     |   | Unit |
|----------|---|------|
| 01/26    | 1. History, Trends, Issues, and Challenges in Plant Science<br>3. Growing Plants for Human Use                        | 1    |
| 02/02    | 4. Climate<br>5. Soils  | 1    |
| 02/09    | Article Critique  |      |
| 02/16    | 6. Structure of Higher Plants<br>7. Plant Growth and Development  | 2    |
| 02/23    | 11. Photosynthesis and Respiration<br>13. Mineral Nutrition   | 2    |
| 03/02    | Plant Growth Factors Assignment   | 3    |
| 03/09    | 14. Soil, Water, and Fertility Management<br>15. Integrated Management of Weeds, Insects, Diseases and<br>Other Pests | 3    |
| 03/10-14 | Proctor Exam – Final  |      |

**The instructor reserves the right to revise or adjust the course syllabus to best accommodate the pace and needs of the students.**