SURVEY OF ORCHIDS – ORH1283

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"Orchid Hunting is a mortal occupation."

- Susan Orlean, *The Orchid Thief*

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OFFICE HOURS: *By appointment at the office, by phone or video call.*

COURSE COMMUNICATIONS: *General questions should be posted to the course's discussion board. Private questions should be sent to the instructor through the course management system.*

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES FEES: $25.00 per student.

RECOMMENDED TEXT:

Motes, M. 2008. Florida Orchid Growing. Redland Press, Redland, FL.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: *Additional reading material will be provided.*

CANVAS e-LEARNING SITE: http://lss.at.ufl.edu

No PowerPoints or lecture materials will be available through Canvas as they will be delivered by guest speakers. However, copies of the presentations might be available at the day or after the course. Assignments, a copy of this syllabus and other relevant information will be available on Canvas. Click on the e-Learning Login icon and enter your GatorLink username and password. Students must have an active GatorLink ID to access e-Learning. Students who do not have GatorLink IDs, who cannot remember their GatorLink login information, who experience difficulties with Canvas, or whose IDs do not work, should contact the GatorLink website http://gatorlink.ufl.edu or the UF Computing Help Desk for assistance: Hub 132 or 392-HELP.

COURSE FORMAT: A one-credit course open to all UF students. It meets live only, from 8:00-5:00 p.m. on March 18th and 19th, 2022 at the Straughn Professional Development Center, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL (see address and map below). Guest speakers will present 45-minute lectures including some hands-on exercises in their area of expertise on various topics related to orchid biology and culture.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: At completion of this course, students will have gained an appreciation of the complexity of the orchid family, aspects of their biology and culture, commercial production, and orchid as a hobby.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The main objective of this course is to provide students with an overview of the orchid family and various aspects of their biology, physiology, and commercial production. Some of the specific topics covered are:
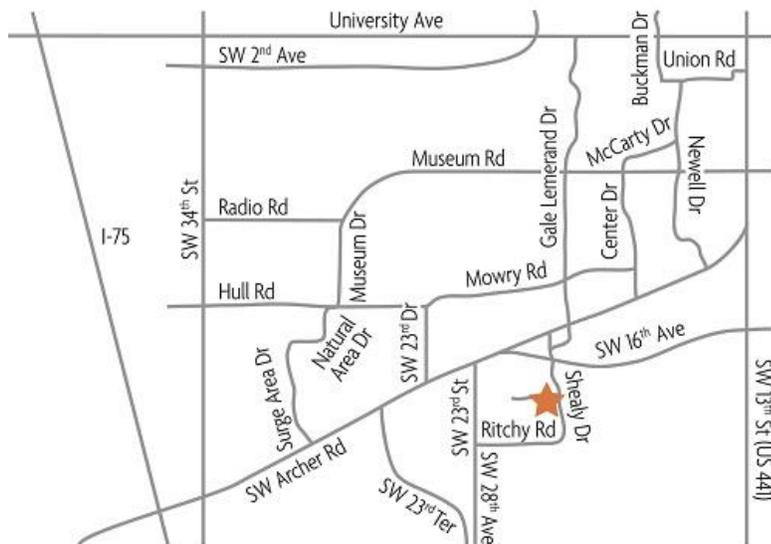
- Orchid history and classification

- Orchid production and propagation
- Orchid flowers and pollination
- Orchid pests and diseases
- Specific orchids of commercial interest

The course is delivered by guest lecturers with extensive experience in orchid biology and production, as well as a love for orchids.

PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS: None, other than your attention and interest in orchids.

COURSE LOCATION:

Straughn IFAS Extension Professional Development Center

2142 Shealy Drive, PO Box 110225, Gainesville FL 32611-0225

Phone: 352-294-3544

GRADING POLICIES:

This course will be graded on attendance, speaker evaluations and online exercises.

- Attendance & Speaker Evaluations (2 days x 30 points each = 60 points)   60%
- Assignments posted on E-learning (4 x 10 points each = 40 points)   40%

GRADING SCALE: For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Numeric Scale
A	4.0	94 – 100%
A-	3.67	90 – 93.99%
B+	3.33	86 – 89.99%
B	3.0	83 – 85.99%
B-	2.67	80 – 82.99%
C+	2.33	76 – 79.99%
C	2.0	73 – 75.99%
C-	1.67	70 – 72.99%
D+	1.33	66 – 69.99%
D	1.0	63 – 65.99%
D-	0.67	60 – 62.99%
E	0.33	< 59.99%

ATTENDANCE, ABSENCE AND MAKE-UP WORK:

IMPORTANT: Any anticipated absences must be discussed with the instructor **prior to the lecture weekend** because:
- The grading of this course relies heavily on attendance for a passing grade.
- The lecture portion of the course takes place in the span of two days only.
- The lecture portion takes place during weekend hours.
- Any missed weekend lecture means significantly reduced grade.
- There is no make up for missed lectures.
- If you miss a day, you will receive an incomplete and will have to take the course again next time it is offered, which will be Spring 2024.
- No exceptions.
- We have invited guest speakers who take their time to travel and deliver a lecture to you during weekend hours. They are looking forward to meeting you and spending time with you. Thus, please show your appreciation for that.

See the attached assignment schedule. Students will be advised by email and on Canvas when an assignment has been posted and when it is due. All readings and Canvas exercises will be assigned and due prior to the lecture weekend. There should not be make-up allowances needed, except again only in extreme cases. These will be assigned as one reading with accompanying exercises each week leading up to the lecture weekend.

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION:

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via ufl.bluera.com/ufl/. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/.

CANVAS TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS (SPRING 2022):

Computers, Internet, and Web browsers: Canvas runs on Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, or any other device with a modern web browser. It is recommended to use a computer less than five years old with at least 1GB of RAM. It is recommended to have a minimum internet speed of 512kbps. It is **strongly recommended** to not use a wireless connection, phone, tablet, or notepad for critical course tasks such as exams and discussions.

Canvas currently supports the following browsers: Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Edge. Canvas supports the last two versions of most browsers. It is **highly recommended** updating to the newest version of whatever browser you are using. Note that your computer's operating system may affect browser function. Failure to use one of these browsers will cause problems.

For more information on approved computers and browsers please visit: https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/canvas-basics-guide/what-are-the-browser-and-computer-requirements-for-canvas/ta-p/66   on this web page there is an area titled "Is My Browser Up To Date?" Use it to check each computer and browser you may use in this course. There is another important area on "Browser Privacy Settings." Read the section(s) for any browser intended for use. For example, **note that**: in browsers such as Safari, insecure content will never be displayed in the browser. Return to the page to check for updates on technology issues in Canvas.

If you encounter technical difficulties in this course, contact the UF computing help desk right away to troubleshoot. https://helpdesk.ufl.edu/ or (352) 392-help. If the problem cannot be fixed immediately, notify your instructor, and **provide them with the help desk ticket number**.

IN CLASS RECORDING:

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A "class lecture" is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To "publish" means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

UF POLICIES:

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACCOMMODATING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:
Students requesting accommodation for disabilities must first register with the Dean of Students Office (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/). The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation. You must submit this documentation prior to submitting assignments or taking the quizzes or exams. Accommodations are not retroactive; therefore, students should contact the office as soon as possible in the term for which they are seeking accommodations.

UNIVERSITY POLICY ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT: Academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the University community. Students should be sure that they understand the UF Student Honor Code at http://www.dso.ufl.edu/students.php.

NETIQUETTE: COMMUNICATION COURTESY: All members of the class are expected to follow rules of common courtesy in all email messages, threaded discussions and chats. http://teach.ufl.edu/docs/NetiquetteGuideforOnlineCourses.pdf

SOFTWARE USE: All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

GETTING HELP:

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit U Matter, We Care website to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit the Student Health Care Center website.

University Police Department: Visit UF Police Department website or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.

Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information.

On-Line Students Complaints: View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process.

Disclaimer: *This syllabus represents current plans and objectives. However, the syllabus and course schedule are subject to change as needed. Such changes will be communicated to students accordingly.*

ENJOY THE COURSE!