

## Agricultural Science 318: Landscaping

Fall, 2006

10:30-11:20 MWF MG 2001

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### Description and Objectives

The focus for this course will be woody landscape plants and their use in the landscape. The first half of the semester will target the identification and recognition of common woody landscape materials, including trees, shrubs and ground covers. Plants often will be categorized in a thematic way that focuses on functional use in the landscape. The second half of the semester will focus on introductory principles of landscape design. Course prerequisites: AGSC 100 or AGSC 108 or BIOL 100 or BIOL 107 and AGSC 218.

### Texts

Dirr, M.A. 1998. Manual of Wood Landscape Plants. 5<sup>th</sup> ed. Stipes Publishing.  
Motloch, J.L. 2001. Introduction to Landscape Design. 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Wiley & Sons.

### Lecture Schedule

Week 1 (8/28)	Trees
Week 2 (9/4)	Evergreen shrubs
Week 3 (9/11)	Evergreen shrubs
Week 4 (9/18)	Deciduous shrubs
Week 5 (9/25)	Deciduous shrubs
Week 6 (10/2)	Groundcovers
Week 7 (10/9)	Groundcovers
Week 8 (10/16)	Miscellaneous landscape plants
Week 9 (10/23)	Landscape design principles
Week 10 (10/30)	Landscape design principles
Week 11 (11/6)	Landscape design principles
Week 12 (11/13)	Landscape design principles
Week 13 (11/20)	Landscape design principles
Week 14 (11/27)	Landscape design principles
Week 15 (12/4)	Landscape design principles

### Examinations and Grading (dates are tentative and subject to change)

Weekly quizzes (landscape materials portion, 8-25 points quizzes)	200 pts
Laboratory	400 pts
Individual landscape project and presentation ( <i>Thursday December 14, 9:30-11:20 am</i> )	200 pts

Grades will be determined as a percentage of the 800 points possible for the class. Letter grades will be assigned based on the following percentages:

90 – 100%	A
80 – 89%	B
70 – 79%	C
60 – 69%	D
Below 60%	F

### **Policy on absences and missed work**

1. Excuses for unauthorized absences will not be accepted.
2. An authorized absence does not excuse the student from any missed work.
3. Permission for making up any missed work will be granted only for authorized absences arranged in advance of the absence or in the case of sickness, injury, or death in the family. In these cases, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the professor as soon as is possible. In the case of absence due to sickness, the student must present verification of the illness from the Student Health Center or family doctor.
4. Work missed due to unauthorized absence cannot be made up and a grade of zero will be recorded. Work missed due to an authorized absence must be made up or will be assigned a grade of zero.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

Students are expected to do their own academic work. Any student caught cheating on an examination or on any other assignment will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the one of the following actions:

1. punitive grading such as receiving an "F" on the assignment or in the class;
2. being reported to the Division Head, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Dean of Student Affairs;
3. University Conduct action for violating the Student Conduct Code;
4. being suspended or expelled from the major or division by the Division Head;
5. being suspended or expelled from the University as a sanction for violating the Student Conduct Code.

To learn more about academic integrity, please visit the following website:

[http://conduct.truman.edu/docs/Academic\\_Integrity\\_booklet\\_2005.pdf](http://conduct.truman.edu/docs/Academic_Integrity_booklet_2005.pdf)

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### Lab Schedule (as always, tentative, depending on weather)

August 31	Lab introduction	MG 2030
September 7	Trees	MG 2030
September 14	Evergreen shrubs <i>Quiz on trees</i>	MG 2030
September 21	Evergreen shrubs <i>Quiz on evergreen shrubs 1</i>	MG 2030
September 28	Deciduous shrubs <i>Quiz on evergreen shrubs 2</i>	MG 2030
October 5	Deciduous shrubs <i>Quiz on deciduous shrubs 1</i>	MG 2030
October 12	Ground covers <i>Quiz on deciduous shrubs 2</i>	MG 2030
October 19	Ground covers <i>Quiz on ground covers 1</i>	MG 2030
October 26	Miscellaneous landscape plants <i>Quiz on ground covers 2</i>	MG 2030
November 2	Landscape design <i>Quiz on miscellaneous landscape plants</i>	University Farm
November 9	Landscape design	MG 2030
November 16	Landscape design	MG 2030
November 23	Thanksgiving Break	
November 30	Landscape design	MG 2030
December 7	Landscape design Plant collection due	MG 2030

### Examinations and Grading

Your lab grade will be based on a) 8-25 point quizzes (200 points total), b) your plant collection (200 points total) and c) your individual landscape design (points assigned to lecture). Graded assignments for lab will be totaled with graded assignments from lecture to yield your total course points. See the lecture syllabus for more information.

### Policy on Absences and Missed Work and Academic Dishonesty

Same as for lecture