

**FORESTRY 406
ARBORICULTURE
Fall 2009**

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4 Semester Hours

Lecture: MW 11 - 11:50 KH 201
Lab: TTh 10 - 11:50 KH 201

Text: Arboriculture, 3rd Ed. Harris, Clark, & Matheny

Course Objectives: The purpose of this course is to introduce the student with the detailed study of woody plants with emphasis on growth and development, planting, pruning, fertilization, maintenance, valuation, hazard assessment, pest management, diagnostics, and site vegetation management. The text is very good and will be used throughout the semester. However, the entire text will not be used. Supplemental information from other pertinent references will also be used in this course.

Lab Exercises:

Shade Tree Evaluation	50 pts
Tree Hazard Assessment	50 pts
Plant Health Care Project	200 pts

Term Paper:

Students taking this class for Graduate Credit will submit a written report on a selected tree problem. Reference citations are required. Date for selection of topic is 14 September 2009. 1st Draft is due 8 October 2009. Paper due 5 November 2009.

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Exams: 2 one-hour exams	200 pts	.333	.286	90-100	93-100 A
Final	100	.166	.143	80-89	87-92 B
Lab exercises	300	.500	.429	70-79	80-86 C
Term Paper			.143	60-69 D	<80 F
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Final Exam: Scheduled Wed. 16 Dec at 10:00 AM

WIU ABSENCE POLICY: See <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/>

Attendance on dates of tests: Students who are not present at the time of an announced exam are not entitled to take the exam. If you have some conflict with the date and time of a scheduled exam, you must notify the instructor **before** the exam.

If a student is going to miss a class, it is his/her responsibility to discuss the situation with the appropriate faculty member in advance and in accordance with that faculty member's guidelines for class attendance. If documentation of the reason or reasons for absence is desired by the faculty member, the student should be informed by the faculty member what would suffice for that purpose, e.g. medical documentation, proof of court appearance, etc.

If a student needs medical documentation, (s)he should contact the proper medical source directly for whatever material is needed. Neither the Office of Student Personnel Services nor the Beu Health Clinic issue excuses for not attending class, but a student may obtain a form indicating the date and time of a completed medical appointment of the Health Center should a faculty member, for example, desire or require such evidence. If a student makes a decision not to attend a class because of a non-emergency illness or injury, e.g. sore throat, cold, sprained ankle, flu, etc., it is the responsibility of the student to discuss the absence with the faculty member should the student desire to make up any academic work missed because of the absence. Depending upon the faculty member's class attendance policy, the reasons for the absences and the student's prior record of class attendance, the faculty member may or may not grant the request to make up work that has been missed. It is emphasized that it is the individual faculty member's decision whether or not to grant the request.

The Office of Student Personnel Services will serve as a contact resource for a student in extreme / emergency cases when the student is unable to make contact with a faculty member.

WIU ASSIGNMENT AND CHEATING POLICY:

See <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php>

Assignments are due on the day specified. Assignments turned in after the due date will be "docked" 10% per day. Use of unauthorized notes or aids during quizzes and tests as well as other acts of "cheating" may result in course failure.

I encourage you to obtain help if you do not understand how to do an assignment. I am available at most any time to assist you. Please see my office door for scheduling appointments. If this is not convenient, you may get someone else from the class to explain or demonstrate the task at hand. I do, however, strongly suggest that you do your own work. That is, you must physically work through the problem(s) so that you can demonstrate, when required, that you have the required competency(ies).

We often will be working in a group with your peers. It is imperative for you to each contribute equal effort.

CLASS TOBACCO PRODUCT POLICY:

See <http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students/>

In accordance with State law, there is no smoking in class or vehicles during field trips. **Chewing tobacco (and spitting chewing tobacco) in class is not permitted. Field trip participation is considered as class – NO SMOKING or use of tobacco products is permitted.**

CELL PHONE POLICY: Cell phones use in class is not permitted. **In order to participate in the WIU Emergency Alert System you should have your cell phones set to vibrate.**

<http://www.wiu.edu/alertsystem/>

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

In accordance with University policy and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), academic accommodations may be made for any student who notifies the instructor of the need for an accommodation. It is imperative that you take the initiative to bring such needs to the instructor's attention, as he/she is not legally permitted to inquire about such particular needs of students. Students who may require special assistance in emergency evacuations (i.e. fire, tornado, inc.) should contact the instructor as to the most appropriate procedures to follow in such an emergency. Contact Disability Support Services at 298-2512 for additional services.

<http://www.wiu.edu/a-action/>

Official University Policy Manual: <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/>

For information on all WIU policies for students contact the above website

HIN1 VIRUS: http://www.wiu.edu/newsrelease.sphp?release_id=7448

If you have flu symptoms, STAY HOME! You will not lose your participation points if you are sick and stay home. You are given one week (1 lecture & 1 lab) sick leave without penalty.