

**Sam Houston State University**  
**Department of Agricultural Sciences**  
**Fall 2017**

**Course Number/Title:** PLSC 4369 – Herbaceous Plant Materials (3 credit hours)  
100 Greenhouse Location Bldg. MW 11 –12:20 PM  
(class will meet at various locations during the semester)

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**Text:** Identification, Selection, and Use of Southern Plants, 4th Ed. Claitor's  
Books. Baton Rouge, LA

Note cards (4x6 or 5x7) will be needed.

**Course Description:** Identification, growth characteristics, culture and use of annual & perennial landscape plants. Materials include tropical trees and shrubs, herbaceous perennials, annuals, ornamental grasses, ground covers, and bulbs. Both temperate and tropical region plant materials are included.

**Course Objectives:**

- Identification of selected species based on vegetative & reproductive plant characteristics.
- Basic knowledge of characteristics and environmental adaptability of important native and introduced herbaceous species
- Correct usage of scientific names and terminology to describe plant species.
- Understand the key environmental challenges associated with the use of herbaceous plants in major geographic regions of Texas and the U.S.

**Course Evaluation:**

Lecture Exams: 2 @ 100 points each	200
Final Exam (comprehensive)	200
Plant Collection	100
Lab work/quizzes	600
Lab Final	50
<u>Landscape LSC Ballroom (Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>)</u>	<u>50</u>
	1200



### Grading Scale:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Points Earned</u>
A	90%+ of total points
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	up through 59%

**LAB points** will be earned through quizzes, assignments, and some take home assignments.

There will be approximately ten plant identification quizzes in lab with each quiz covering about 10 to 14 plants. During quizzes, students will list the common name, and Genus species of all plants. The common name is worth 1 point, the Genus species 4 points, for a total of 5 points per plant. Spelling must be correct to receive points.

Examples:

<u>Genus species</u>	common name
<u>Acalypha wilkesiana</u>	copper plant
	
4 points	1 point

**Final Exam Date:** Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 12 - 2 PM

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Sam Houston State University.
2. Each faculty member will keep a written record of student attendance.
3. **If a student misses three or more classes**, the student's grade will be reduced by one letter grade. Additional penalties may be assessed at the discretion of the instructor.
4. Three unexcused or unjustified tardies or early departures are considered as one absence.
5. Excused absences must be documented by the student with a letter of confirmation from the sponsoring student organization, professor or doctor. Exemptions will include participation in departmental activities when prior approval is attained from the Department Chair.
6. No exams or assignments will be given at alternative times unless arrangements are made with the professor/instructor before the scheduled activity occurs.

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

*All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. **If you are caught cheating on a quiz or exam, you will receive a ZERO.***

## **CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT**

*Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.*

## **USE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS:**

*Sam Houston State University is a tobacco free campus and all tobacco products are prohibited in all buildings and outdoor public areas on campus.*

## **TELEPHONE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

*The use by students of electronic devices that perform the function of a telephone or text messenger during class-time is prohibited. Arrangements for handling potential emergency situations may be granted at my discretion. Failure to comply with this policy could result in expulsion from the classroom or with multiple offenses, failure of the course.*

*Any use of a telephone or text messenger or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty*

## **VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM**

*Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.*

## **STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY**

*Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.*

*University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). This request must be made in the first fifteen days of the semester or the first seven days of a summer session in which the absence(s) will occur. The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed.*

## **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail [disability@shsu.edu](mailto:disability@shsu.edu)). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>