

Sam Houston State University
Department of Agricultural Sciences
Spring 2018

COURSE NUMBER/TITLE: PLSC 4358 – Landscape Operations (3 credit hours)
Lecture: MW 12 – 12:50 Pirkle 310
Lab: M 1-2:50 PM Farr 219 (some labs will meet elsewhere)

INSTRUCTOR: Tim Pannkuk, Ph.D., Associate Professor
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Office Hours: MW 9:00 – 11:00 AM
TR 9:00 – 11:00 AM; R 1 – 4 PM; F by appointment

TEXT: Landscape Construction. 3rd Ed. D. Sauter. Delmar Publishing

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Following completion of this course, students should

- Have an understanding of and be familiar with various techniques and technologies for proper maintenance and management of landscape plants
- Be knowledgeable about the nature and practices of landscape business and contracts
- Have thorough understanding of scheduling landscape operations
- Be knowledgeable of woody plant growth patterns

COURSE OUTLINE

Topics include:

- Introduction to landscape management
- The landscape operation
 - Goods and services
- Contracts and contractors
 - Types of contracts
 - Advantages and disadvantages of contracts
 - Contracts and specifications
- Equipment selection and acquisition
- Landscape maintenance features
- Soil compaction
- Installing landscape plants
- Selecting quality plants
- Woody plant structure and function
- Pruning and training landscape plants
- Woody ornamental disease and insect management
- Estimating landscape management services

Lab Topics

- Development of proposals and contracts
- Budgeting
- Estimating services to be rendered
- Installing landscapes (multiple labs)
- Evaluating landscapes
- Customer satisfaction
- Pruning

COURSE EVALUATION:

Lecture exams 2@100 points	200
Contract Project 100 points	100
Lab Participation 100 points	100
Lab exercises 200 points (case studies, homework, group work)	200
Pop quizzes 50 points	<u>50</u>
	650

Final Exam: Monday May 7th, 2018 @ 1 PM

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES ATTENDANCE POLICY

1. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student.
2. A written record of student attendance will be kept.
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.
6. No exams or assignments will be given at alternative times unless arrangements are made with the professor/instructor before the scheduled activity occurs.

POLICIES

1. Lab projects will not be accepted late.
2. Turn off cell phones during class time
3. Attendance is mandatory and very important

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.

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.

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.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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 Counseling Center 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 Counseling Center.