

Course Syllabus

General Course Description Botany is the scientific study of plants and their relationship to the environment. In this course, students investigate the growth, reproduction, anatomy, morphology, physiology, biochemistry, taxonomy, genetics, and ecology of plants. This course is designed for the college-bound student. Students should expect projects, quizzes, tests, and laboratory write-ups. Laboratory and outdoor experiences complement classroom activities. A high level of understanding in problem solving and the scientific methods is necessary for success in this course.

Prerequisites:

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have met any prerequisites required to earn credit for this course. Refunds will not be issued outside of the refund policy because prerequisites were not met prior to enrolling in or taking the course.

Communication with your Instructor:

All communication with your instructor should be via email at jshowsmsuohs@gmail.com

Assignment One: (5%)

This assignment needs to be completed prior to beginning the actual course work. It will be used to make sure you are acquainted with the syllabus information and where to find what you need in Canvas. You can take this assignment multiple times, so your first grade in this course should be a 100.

Quizzes: (25%)

Each unit will have a quiz. The quizzes are designed to provide an understanding of the content related to the objective of the unit. Each quiz contains key terms and short answer questions. Please be thorough in your answers. When working through short answer questions, provide as much information as is needed to completely answer the question – provide facts, input, examples, justification, etc. You are allowed to use notes and your textbook for the quizzes. Printable copies of the quizzes can be found in the 'Extra Resources' tab.

Discussion Board: (15%)

Most units will require a discussion board post. Please be thorough in your responses. The discussion board posts will culminate into one grade at the end of the course.

Unit Projects: (25%)

Most units will require a project that relates to the objective of the unit. Please read the instructions carefully for each project to ensure that you are thoroughly completing what is required.

Exams: (30%)

This course will have 2 exams. They will heavily emphasize vocabulary, as key terms are vital to the understanding of the concepts presented. Be sure, however, to review all questions and activities relate to the information covered. The exams will be under the supervision of your course supervisor/proctor. No supplementary materials (notes, textbooks, reference books, etc.) can be used. We reserve the right to require any student to come to the High School Online office to take or redo any test. Mississippi State University's Honor Code will be followed. A copy of this Code can be found within the course under 'Extra Resources'.

Grades:

You will receive a numerical grade for each assignment that you submit. As assignments are graded, the grades will appear on your course Report Card. While I strive to grade your work in a very timely fashion, please note that there are certain times when there may be a delay in grading (holidays, weekends, etc).

Final Grade:

Once your final numerical grade is averaged, it will appear in Canvas on your Report Card. Your school counselor will receive all official documentation.

The letter grade equivalent to the grading scale at your high school will be issued by your school. High School Online does not issue letter grades.

Course Completion and Graduation:

If you are graduating in the current school year, all coursework must be completed by April 15 in order to ensure that your official documentation is received by your school counselor in time for graduation. It is your responsibility to submit all discussion boards, quizzes, and exams by this deadline. Students have 6 months per half credit to complete the course.