

ABOUT THE LAB

Philosophy: An important part of the learning experience in this course is in the laboratory. This is where we will get the all-important “hands-on” experience with real plants (flowers!). In addition, the laboratory sections are designed to facilitate discussion, which should help solidify your understanding of the key concepts. At times you might wish to spend more than the scheduled 2 hours on particular labs; when this happens, simply show up to extra labs (in addition to your own) and get permission from the TA (you will be welcomed!). To provide extra lab time, "open lab" will be held many Thursday evenings from 7:00 until 9:00. Every effort will be made by the instructors to provide individual instruction and help for each student.

Supplies: Bring to lab your **course pack**; the Simpson (2006) textbook; forceps; and a **10X hand-lens**

Clothing: Appropriate shoes and clothing should be worn when field trips are scheduled.

EXAMS AND QUIZZES

Four exams will be held during laboratory periods, but there will be no exam during finals week. All exams will cover material studied from the first day of class until the date of the exam. The exams will, however, emphasize material covered since the last exam (except Exam IV, which is cumulative for all course information). There will also be approximately 6 laboratory quizzes (15 minutes each). These will not be announced ahead of time, but because everyone has "off" days we will drop your lowest quiz score. Two homework papers will be assigned worth 25 points each..

Make-up policy: You must take examinations during their scheduled periods. Make-up tests will be allowed only if there are *documented* extenuating circumstances, in which case the test will be given orally. Laboratory quizzes cannot be made up if missed.

GRADES (+/- Grading Will Be Used) – 500 TOTAL POINTS

LEARNING EVALUATION	POINTS (% OF GRADE)
Exam I - [Feb. 12]	100 (20%)
Exam II - [March 7]	100 (20%)
Exam III - [April 2]	100 (20%)
Exam IV – [April 25]	125 (25%)
Quizzes	50 (10%)
Readings	25 (5%)