

Weed Management, PS634
Course Syllabus, Fall 2024 Revision 0.0

Plant Sciences (54694) (dept code = PLSC 634-001) Advanced Weed Science Principles
Lecture fully online

Course Text: text/ lectures associated with class available online
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Specific Course Objectives

To build on previous learning of weed science classes to control weeds using chemical, cultural, mechanical, and other methods using integrated weed management.

Focus areas include weed inter-relations with other plants and herbicide action in plants

Class material will be disseminated using electronic methods.

A regularly scheduled online discussion session will be established to allow student-Mueller interactions. Details will be arranged online to meet student's individual circumstances.

Rules for class:

1. All class lectures are online (no in person instruction)
2. All exams and quizzes will be fully face to face in class (via proctor for off campus sites)
3. All students are asked to email tmueller@utk.edu
4. Further information will be emailed directly to each student
5. No cheating (these are NOT group projects)
6. Exam procedures:
 - a. Mueller will establish test dates/times
 - b. Mueller will email proctors at WTREC exam materials for individual students to individually take hard copy exam (note: These are NOT group projects)
 - c. Some exams will be face to face (in person or virtual) as designated by Mueller in coordination with student's schedules.

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Criteria for Grade Determinations

Grading will be consistent with University Policies.

Dates of each exam will be emailed to students once time/dates are determined

		points
Exam 1 (A)	Weed names, herbicide names	100
Exam 2 (B)	Weed Science Principles	200
Exam 3 (C)	Herbicide – Plant Interactions	150
Exam 4 (D)	Herbicide Modes of Action and Resistance	300
Writing project	Writing Project	100
Final Exam	individual, Oral exam for each student (may be waived by Mueller at his discretion)	150
	Total points possible	1000
	TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS	1000

Grading Scale:

TOTAL POINTS

900 - 1000	A
880 - 899	B+
800 - 879	B
780 - 799	C+
700 - 779	C
600 - 699	D
< 600	F

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Master list of lecture topics						
Video code	topic	comments	presenter	Exam/grade	exam date	points
NONE	Terminology, weed names, herbicide names	no video	Mueller	A	TBD	100
Chap 1	Introduction to weed science		Mueller	B		
Chap 2	Soils review		JEB	B		
Chap 3	Plants review		JEB	B		
Chap 4	Weed Ecology		Mueller	B		
Chap 5	Weed Population Dynamics		Mueller	B		
Chap 6	Weed Effects		Mueller	B		
Chap 7	Environmental fate of herbicides		Mueller	B		
Chap 8	Weed Control Methods		Mueller	B	TBD	200
1	Introduction, Course format		Mueller	C		
2	Herbicide/Plant Interactions Overview		Tranel	C		
4	Weed Resistance Mechanisms		Tranel	C		
5	Herbicide Behavior in Soils		Mueller	C		
7	Herbicide Application in 2017		Mueller	C		
15	Transgenic Crops, an Overview		Gaines	C		
17	Safeners and Adjuvants		Shaner	C		
19	Herbicide Non-Performance (Summary)		Sikkema	C		
20	Insecticide/Herbicide MOA interactions		Mueller	C		
21	Crop Injury from herbicides (Summary)		Sikkema	C	TBD	150
3	MOA & Resistance of ACCase	ACCCase	Sikkema	D		
6	MoA & Resistance of ALS	ALS	Tranel	D		
8	MoA & Resistance of PPO	protox IX	Tranel	D		
9	MOA & Resistance of Glyphosate	EPSPS	Duke	D		
10	MOA & Resistance of Glufosinate		Gaines	D		
11	MOA & Resistance of VLCFA, Lipids	VLCFA, lipid synthesis	Shaner	D		
12	MOA & Resistance of Auxins	hormone mimics	Gaines	D		
13	MOA & Resistance of mitosis	mitosis	Shaner	D		
14	MOA & Resistance of Bleachers	bleachers	Gaines	D		
16	MOA & Resistance of PSII, PSI	photosynthetic inhibitors, PS II & PSI	Duke	D		
18	Miscellaneous MOA and Resistance		Duke	D	TBD	300
	Individual Oral Final Exm (Zoom)			E	TBD	150
	writing project			F	TBD	100
	Total for class					1000
					TBD = to be determined	