

Vascular Plants Laboratory, BOT 3223L
Florida Atlantic University, Davie
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Course: BOT3223L
Reference No. 14845
Time: Friday, 1:00-4:50pm
Location: ES 317

Course Objectives:

This course give you hands-on experience in the identification of the vascular plant phyla and the major angiosperm families. You will also learn to identify the structural features and life stages of most phyla.

Textbook:

Evert, R.F. and S.E. Eichhorn, 1999. **Laboratory Topics in Botany**. Freeman Worth, 6th Edition.

Evaluation:

Your grade will be determined by the total points obtained on two examinations (100 points each), two field trips reports (20 points each) and your participation and skill in the laboratory (55 points, 5 points per lab session.) The cumulative final is optional and, if higher, will replace the lowest score on the previous examinations. The following scale will be used to determine your letter grade:

93-100% (279-300pts) = A	73-76.9 (219-230pts) = C
90-92.9% (270-278pts) = A-	70-72.9 (210-218pts) = C-
87-89.9% (261-269pts) = B+	67-69.9 (201-209pts) = D+
83-86.9% (249-260pts) = B	63-66.9 (189-200pts) = D
80-82.9% (240-248pts) = B-	60-62.9 (180-188pts) = D-
77-79.9% (231-239pts) = C+	Below 60% (<180pts) = F

Make-up Exams:

A make-up exam will be scheduled if a student misses an exam for medical reasons (documentation is required). If a student misses an exam for any other reason a make-up exam will be given ONLY at the discretion of the instructor and an automatic ten (10) point penalty will be imposed. Only ONE make-up exam will be allowed per student.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory and your laboratory manuals will be checked regularly during class. Disruptive behavior (this includes use of audible cell-phones and beepers) and failure to observe the laboratory safety rules will not be tolerated.