COURSE OUTLINE

PI P 300: Diseases of Fruit Crops (Through AMS)

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Number of Credits = 2; Pre-requisites = BIOLOGY 120, HORT 310, or HORT 313. Lecture Schedule: Fall 2018, Tuesday and Thursday between 9:10 to 10:00AM Origination: Prosser IAREC or WSU-TC; Destination: Pullman and Tri-Cities Campus Room location: Pullman – the Smith Center for Undergrad Education room 114; Tri-Cities - Wine Science Center 202; IAREC – Rose Garden Room #1.

Guest lectures: Where ever feasible, faculty in the Departments of Plant Pathology, Horticulture and allied disciplines will give guest lectures.

Course Schedule:

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<th>Lecture Topic &amp;</th>
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<td>I. Introduction to fruit crops and their importance</td>
<td>Tuesday (8/21/18) &amp; Thursday (8/23/18) Introduction to the course (Grove &amp; Rayapati) &amp; An overview of plant pathogens (Rayapati)</td>
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<td>II. Diseases of fruit crops caused by graft-transmissible agents</td>
<td>Tuesday (8/28/18) &amp; Thursday (8/30/18) Nature and biology of plant viruses (Rayapati) &amp; Diagnosis, spread and management of virus diseases (Rayapati)</td>
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<td>Tuesday (9/4/18) &amp; Thursday (9/6/18) Sub-viral pathogens (Viroids) (Rayapati) &amp; Virus diseases of grapevines (Rayapati)</td>
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<td>Tuesday (9/11/18) &amp; Thursday (9/13/18) Virus diseases of fruit trees (Rayapati) &amp; Virus diseases of small fruits (Rayapati)</td>
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<td>Tuesday (9/18/18) &amp; Thursday (9/20/18) Management of viral diseases in fruit crops (Rayapati) &amp; Exam 1*</td>
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* For Exam 1, please refer to the provided course schedule for exam details.
6 Tuesday (9/25/18) Disorders mimicking viral diseases (Rayapati)
   Thursday (9/27/18) Nature, biology and diagnosis of prokaryotes (bacteria
   and phytoplasmas (Grove)

9/28/18 (Friday): Field visit to IAREC, Prosser (Grove & Rayapati)
7 Tuesday (10/2/18) Fire blight (Grove)
   Thursday (10/4/18) Pierce’s disease (Grove)
8 Tuesday (10/9/18) Crown gall (Grove)

III. Plant parasitic nematode problems in fruit crops
   Thursday (10/11/18) Diseases caused by nematodes and their control
   (Gleason)

9 Tuesday (10/16/18) Exam 2

IV. Diseases of fruit crops caused by fungi (Dr. Gary Grove)
   Thursday (10/18/18) Nature and biology of fungi (Grove)
   10 Tuesday (10/23/18) Epidemiology of fungal diseases (Grove)
      Thursday (10/25/18) Fungicide chemistry and resistance (Grove)
   11. Tuesday (10/30/18) Fungal diseases of fruit tree crops (Grove)
      Thursday (11/1/18) Fungal diseases of berry crops (grapes and small fruits)
      (Grove)
   12. Tuesday (11/6/18) An overview of post-harvest diseases (Amiri)
      Thursday (11/8/18) Management of post-harvest diseases (Amiri)
   13. Tuesday (11/13/18) Management of fungal diseases (Moyer)
      (Case study: Powdery mildews in grapes)
      Thursday (11/15/18) Exam – 3*

November 19-23: Thanksgiving Holiday

14. Tuesday (11/27/18) Management of fungal diseases (Grove)
      (Case study: Powdery mildews in fruit trees)

V. Crop improvement strategies against diseases
   Thursday (11/29/18) Traditional and molecular approaches, and challenges
      in perennial crops – Case study: Apples (Kate Evans)
   15. Tuesday (12/4/18) Traditional and molecular approaches, and challenges
      in perennial crops – Case study: Cherries (Per McCord)
      Thursday (12/6/18) Virus indexing and certification programs (Rayapati)
   16 Monday–Friday (12/12-16/18) Finals week, Exam – 4*

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*Order of some lecture topics might change during the course.
*Dates for Exam 1, 2, and 3 are subject to change with advance notice. Date and time for Exam 4
during finals week will be notified later.

Method of course delivery: Lectures & discussions are videostreamed live via AMS. The
videostreamed classes through AMS are usually recorded and the class recordings will remain
available in the Blackboard course space. Only students enrolled in the class will have access to
these archived videos. Archiving may take approximately 24-48 business hours after the daily
class ends and the videos remain on the site until the end of the semester. It should be noted that
archiving these videostreams are not guaranteed and are only a courtesy of AMS. These
archived videos cannot substitute class attendance and, therefore, are not intended to be
used as a primary way to access classes.
Specific learning outcomes of the course:
Class lectures, discussions, field trips and associated field trip report will contribute to the following learning outcomes:

- Acquire scientific knowledge about diseases and disorders in fruit crops.
- Gain familiarity with regard to field- and lab-based approaches for the diagnosis of diseases and pathogens in fruit crops.
- Become familiar with different modes of spread of pathogens in fruit crops.
- Ability to apply knowledge gained from the course to manage diseases in fruit crops.
- Gain awareness of negative impacts of diseases on agricultural production and quality of produce in fruit crops.

Instructor-specific Expectations:
- Attend classes regularly, ask questions, participate actively in class-room discussions.
- Participate in field trip without fail, interact with growers and other stakeholders.
- No cell phones, text messaging, internet browsing during the class, submit field trip report on or before the deadline, no late arrivals to class.
- Gain familiarity with campus safety procedures as outlined in the syllabus and follow these procedures as appropriate.
- Freshman and sophomores can use the field trip report for Writing Portfolios submissions.

Field Trip: September 28, 2018

The field trip is an important learning experience and provides a unique opportunity for students to understand the ‘real world’ disease problems in fruit crops caused by different pathogens. Therefore, a field trip is mandatory for the class. A one-day field trip to IAREC, Prosser, will be offered on September 28th. The field trip will focus largely on diseases of grapes, apples and cherries (other tree fruits and small fruits, if available) and grower vineyards and winery, and discussions with growers and wine makers (a schedule of the field trip will be provided by September 25th). All students have to submit a field trip report describing their learning experiences within fifteen days after the field visit. Transportation will be provided, subject to availability of funds, to students in Pullman and Tri-Cities. Other locations are encouraged to carpool. Field trip travel guidelines as outlined in the university’s BPPM 95-13, Student Travel, (http://public.wsu.edu/~forms/PDF/BPPM/95-13.pdf) will be followed in arranging the field trip to Prosser. A box lunch will be provided on September 28th. No excuses will be acceptable for missing the class and the field trip, EXCEPT a valid medical or family emergency. However, a valid proof from a competent authority acceptable to CAHNRS should be submitted to justify absence from the class field trip. Failure to participate in the field trip with no valid reason will automatically reduce the grade by one level, i.e. a ‘A’ will become a ‘B’.

Guidelines for Writing Field Report:

- Each student should prepare a THREE page report (1 inch margin on all sides) with name of the student and WSU Student ID # on page 1, top right corner. The report should be typed in Word (font size 12, Times New Roman), single-spaced and proofread for grammar and spelling.
• The report should consist of a Title followed by the main report. The report should be divided into three sections: Introduction, Description of Field Visit and Summary.

• Title should be concise capturing the essence of the field trip report.

• Introduction (one paragraph, maximum 150 words) should provide a brief background with specific objectives of the field trip.

• Main body of the field trip should be divided into sub-sections. The first sub-section will provide details about various fields visited, types of fruit crops observed and cultivar names, if available. The second sub-section will provide a list of different diseases observed, description of symptoms of diseases and type of pathogen associated with each disease. Scientific names of different pathogens and hosts will be listed in italics. A brief description of nutritional disorders in grapes and how they differ from viral diseases will be included. The third sub-section will provide a brief summary of visits to WSU-IAREC and grower fields, discussions with growers and wine makers to learn impacts of diseases on quality attributes of fruits and management tactics used for different diseases, with emphasis on fungal, bacterial and viral diseases.

• The summary section (one paragraph of up to 150 words) should provide learning experiences gained by each student from the field trip and how these experiences are helpful in management of diseases in fruit crops.

• At the end of the field trip, students will evaluate the effectiveness of the field trip. A structured questionnaire will be provided to students to gauge the effectiveness of the field trip and solicit suggestions for improvements of future field trips.

Grading of Field Trip Report:

The field trip report and evaluation report combined carries 100 points. They will be graded based on student participation in the field trip and quality and timely submission of the report describing the experiences and knowledge gained and the evaluation report. Misspelling of scientific names of fruit crops and pathogens will cost points.

Grading Rubric:

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<td>Participation in the field trip</td>
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<td>Report in Word format as per the guidelines</td>
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<td>(Font size [12, New Times Roman], margins, line spacing, #words in introduction and summary sections and page limit)</td>
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<td>Spellings, grammar and proper scientific names</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Scientific content and quality of the report</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Logical conclusions in summary section</td>
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<td>Timely submission</td>
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<td>Completing the questionnaire</td>
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<td><strong>Total points</strong></td>
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Overall Course Grading:

For the lecture portion, there are four exams, each carry 100 points. **No final comprehensive exam.** The exams will take largely the form of fill-in-the-blank and multiple choice, and a few
short answer questions. The short answer questions will be “thought-provoking” and are designed to require application of information presented in class to real-world situations. The exam(s) will also be supplemented, if required, with assignments/Quizzes at the discretion of the instructor. Misspelling of scientific names of fruit crops and pathogens will cost points. Field visit described above will carry 100 points. It will be graded based on student participation in the field trip and quality and timely submission of the report describing the experiences and knowledge gained. Thus, lecture portion carry 80% (400 points) and field visit carry 20% (100 points) of total grades.

Exams will be conducted similar to courses offered through AMS as per WSU policies (Academic Regulations 77, 78, and 79). Question paper will be delivered to the students in the class by the lead instructor or through designated person(s) who will proctor the exam. In the latter case, the answer papers will be collected by the designated person(s) and delivered to the lead instructor for grading. Students will be monitored during the exam by the instructor and/or the person(s) proctoring the exam. Make-up exam (only for Exam 1, 2 or 3, but NOT final exam 4) will be allowed ONLY under a valid medical or family emergency. Note that “no early examination will be conducted for the purpose of leaving the institution before the close of the semester (Academic Regulation 79).”

**Grading Scale:**

- **A** = 95 – 100%
- **A’** = 90 – 94%
- **B+** = 86 – 89%
- **B** = 82 – 85%
- **B’** = 80 – 81%
- **C+** = 76 – 79%
- **C** = 72 – 75%
- **C’** = 70 – 71%
- **D+** = 66 – 69
- **D** = 60 – 65%
- **F** = Below 60%

**Class Attendance:**

Class attendance is very important. Missing even one class will put students out of synch with the course leading to poor performance in the exams. Students are encouraged to ask questions during the lecture or outside the class time. Due to physical location of the instructor, arrangements will be made by appointment to answer questions (via telephone, e-mail and/or face-to-face meeting), if students would like assistance with class materials.

Class attendance will be taken daily to document presence of students in the class. Excused absence is considered because of “illness, personal crises, mandated court appearances, parental responsibilities, and the like.” These absences are considered and accepted on a case by case as long as they are not excessive and provide a written explanation of the absence. In the case of a student attending an off-campus university-sponsored activities, a properly signed Class Absence Request form should be submitted to the instructor at least one week in advance of the event. In
addition, “reasonable accommodation can be provided in regards to religious holidays as spelled by Academic Regulation 82”. Contact the instructor for necessary approvals as per Academic Regulation 73.

**Student Evaluations:**

Students will be encouraged to participate in on-line evaluations. In order to increase response rate, a minor incentive of 10 points (10 points of total 500 points, which is 2%) will be added at the end of semester final grade to those students who have completed evaluations on time.

**WSU Reasonable Accommodation Statement:**

Reasonable accommodations are available for students with a documented disability (http://www.accesscenter.wsu.edu). If you have a disability and need accommodations to fully participate in this class, please either visit or call the Access Center (formerly the Disability Resource Center [DRC]) at 509-335-3417. All accommodations MUST be approved through the Access Center (Washington Building 217; 509-335-3417). You will need to provide your instructor with the appropriate classroom accommodation form. The form should be completed and submitted during the first week of class. Late notification can delay your accommodations or cause them to be unavailable. All accommodations for disabilities must be approved through the Disability Services Coordinator.

For students at Pullman campus and R&E Centers: Stop by or call 509-335-3417 to make an appointment with a disability specialist (http://www.accesscenter.wsu.edu, access.center@wsu.edu). For students at Tri-Cities campus: If you have a documented disability, even temporary, make an appointment as soon as possible with the Disability Services Coordinator, Cherish Tijerina, Room 269D West Building; Phone:509-358-7534. (http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/disability/).

**Academic Integrity:**

“Academic integrity is the cornerstone of the university. Any student who attempts to gain an unfair advantage over other students by cheating, will fail the assignment and be reported to the Office Student Standards and Accountability. Cheating is defined in the Standards for Student Conduct WAC 504-26-010 (3).” All students enrolled in the class are expected to remember and practice Academic Honesty in fulfilling all of the course requirements as outlined in the syllabus. Please use these resources to ensure that you don’t inadvertently violate WSU’s standard of conduct. “Students are expected to read the Washington State University Policy on Student Standards and Accountability (https://conduct.wsu.edu/). Students are free to contact the Office of Student Standards and Accountability (509-335-4532) for specific information about this process.

**Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Sexual Harassment:**

WSU is committed to maintaining an environment free from discrimination, including sexual harassment. This policy applies to all students and faculty instructor(s) of this class.
Safety and emergency management:

Washington State University is committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors on all campuses. WSU urges students to follow the “Alert, Assess, Act” protocol for all types of emergencies and the “Run, Hide, Fight” response for an active shooter incident. Remain ALERT (through direct observation or emergency notification), ASSESS your specific situation, and ACT in the most appropriate way to assure your own safety (and the safety of others if you are able to). Please sign up for emergency alerts on your account at MyWSU. For more information on this subject, campus safety, and related topics, please view the FBI’s Run, Hide, Fight video and visit the WSU safety portal.

The university has developed a Campus Safety Plan (http://safetyplan.wsu.edu/) and WSU ALERT (http://alert.wsu.edu). We encourage you to become familiar with the Campus Safety Plan and visit the Office of Emergency Management web site (http://oem.wsu.edu/) for a comprehensive listing of university policies, procedures, statistics, and information related to campus safety, emergency management, and the health and welfare of the campus community. WSU continues to improve emergency management strategies and takes a broad range of proactive measures aimed at safety and well-being of its members in these campuses. Visit the Office of Emergency Management (http://oem.wsu.edu/emergencies) and WSU ALERT site (http://alert.wsu.edu/) for detailed information about campus safety and security, and relevant notification during emergencies. You can sign up for emergency alerts at http://alert.wsu.edu through the MyWSU site (http://my.wsu.edu). Please go to the myWSU portal at http://my.wsu.edu and register your emergency contact information for the Crisis Communication System (CCS) and the Campus Outdoor Warning System (COWS). Enter your network ID and password and you will be taken to the myWSU main webpage. Look for the Emergency Notification box on the right side of the page and click on Register to be taken to the registration page where you can enter your cell, landline, and email contact information.

For students at Tri-Cities campus, a more comprehensive explanation of the campus safety plan is available at http://www.tricity.wsu.edu/safetyplan/. Should there be a need to evacuate the building (e.g. fire alarm or some other critical event), students should meet the instructor at the entrance outside of the Wince Science Center building.

Please visit the websites http://safetyplan.wsu.edu and http://oem.wsu.edu/Emergencies for the Campus Safety Plan and University emergency management plan, respectively, for a comprehensive listing of university policies, procedures, statistics, and information relating to campus safety, emergency management, and the health and welfare of the campus community.

The Writing Center: The WSU Writing Program offers free tutorial services to all undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Here, tutors can help you with various writing issues you may encounter. The WSU Pullman Writing Center is located in CUE-303 (509-335-7959) and WSU Tri-Cities Writing Center is located on the 2nd floor of the CIC library (509-372-7342). Walk-ins are welcome. Specially trained peer tutors can assist students to develop strong writing skills.
Professional Conduct Statement

As representatives of WSU, students should comport themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect for the individuals and property that we visit during field trips. The industries and researchers have volunteered time and space for this tour and we are their guests. Students are expected to be attentive and ask questions and not use cell phones or other electronic devices except for note taking during the field trip. Alcohol or marijuana use is strictly prohibited on the tour bus or in state facilities. During personal time in the evening, students should use judgment in the use or consumption of marijuana and alcohol to ensure that learning will not be impeded during tour events.

Recommended Text Books:

No specific textbook is assigned for the course, since a few text books exclusively cover diseases of fruit crops. The following general plant pathology text books, compendia of specific fruit crop diseases, and current information from the primary literature (journal and review articles and web sites) are recommended as resources for the course.


References for additional reading:

I. Crop-specific books/compendia:


II. Supplemental references:


III. Web sites:

[http://wine.wsu.edu/virology/](http://wine.wsu.edu/virology/)
[http://wine.wsu.edu/extension/grapes-vineyards/grape-diseases/](http://wine.wsu.edu/extension/grapes-vineyards/grape-diseases/)
[http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/tfipm/treefruitipm.htm](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/cropprot/tfipm/treefruitipm.htm)
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