

# **INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE**

FOR-130

Dendrology

Effective Term Fall 2018

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## Forestry Management Technology Department & Program Mission Statement

The mission of the Department, the Programs and its faculty is to support the broader College's goals as detailed above, but also provide a comprehensive silviculturally based environmental education that recognizes the broad multiple uses demanded from the forest environments of South Carolina, the Southeastern United States and the nation.

- We want our graduates to recognize how their daily decisions will have a lasting impact on the social, cultural, economic, and environment fabric of our state, region and country.
- Their natural resource decision making process must be based on the highest professional and ethical standards for the long term protection and promotion of a high demand resource.
- We strive to prepare well trained forest, wildlife and natural resource technicians for both public and private sector employers and promote career opportunities for our graduates.

#### Part I: Course Information

Effective Term: Fall 2018

COURSE PREFIX: FOR-130 COURSE TITLE: Dendrology

CONTACT HOURS: 2 Lecture, 3 Lab CREDIT HOURS: 2-3-3

#### **RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:**

Dendrology, the study of trees, is designed to acquaint the student with the variety of forest trees in North America, their means of identification and major uses whether commercial, ornamental or for wildlife benefit. The basics of botany are also discussed to give the student an understanding of how the plant functions.

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is a study of the characteristics and uses of important trees, shrubs, and lesser vegetation of the southern forest. It includes collecting, mounting, and identifying approximately 130 species by leaf, twig, bark, and growth characteristics.

## PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

COMPASS Reading 65 or SAT Critical Reading 380 or ACT Reading 14 or ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 056 or New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 235 or COMPANION Reading 056 or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of C or Credit level ENG 100 Minimum Grade of C\* or Credit level ENG 155 Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level ENG 101 Minimum Grade of TC or Multiple Measures English 1

#### **REQUIRED MATERIALS:**

There are two textbooks required for this course. <u>Textbook of Dendrology</u>; by Hardin, Leopold and White; Ninth Edition; 2001; McGraw Hill Press; ISBN: 9780073661711 and <u>Forest Plants of the Southeast and Their Wildlife Uses</u>; by Miller and Miller; 2005 Revised Edition; University of Georgia Press; ISBN: 9780820327488.

Please visit the Bookstore online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

#### BOOKSTORE.

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Each student should wear long pants and boots or other adequate footwear for the outdoor lab portion of this class.

#### **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials. WaveNet and D2L email access.

#### **CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:**

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

## **Part II: Student Learning Outcomes**

#### **COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS\*:**

Module #1

\*Assessment(s): Lecture Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 Complete class review activity.

**Unit Test** 

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Identify the basic structures associated with Gymnosperms, Angiosperms (Monocots and Dicots).
- 2. Describe the structure of scientific names and the how they may change over time.
- 3. Describe the differences between scientific names and common names.
- 4. Demonstrate the use and application of a dichotomous key.
- 5. Identify the various leaf arrangements, parts and structures, bud location, etc.

Module #2

Materials Covered: Units 5, 6 and 7.

\*Assessment(s): Complete class review activity.

**Unit Test** 

## **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Identify the basic concepts of plant reproduction including genetic recombination; self-fertilization (inbreeding and apomixes) and the short and long range benefits.
- 2. Identify the traits and differences of a Successional and a Climax forest.
- 3. Identify how plant communities (trees, shrubs & other ground cover) develop on different land types: obligate wetland, facultative wetland, facultative, facultative upland and upland.
- 4. Identify the environmental factors that contribute to the development of a plant community (soils, climate, physiographic features, biota, etc.).
- 5. Identify the habits of a native, exotic, naturalized or invasive plant.
- 6. Identify why a plant is thought to be tolerant or Intolerant.

Module #3

\*Assessment(s): Chapter 7 and Forest Biology

\*Complete class review activity.

**Unit Test** 

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Identify basic parts of a cell as they relate to plant development.
- 2. Identify the roles of Primary and Secondary growth in trees and how to influence each.
- 3. Identify the function of the Vascular Tissues: Xylem, Cambium, Phloem tissues and the Dermal Tissues.
- 4. Identify how the three different types of shoot growth can influence how we control plants thru herbicides or fertilization.

## **Capstone Project**

\*Assessments: Completed leaf mount collection for up to 130 specimens.

All mounting cards will indicate a plant's range, Common name, scientific name, Family name (Latin and English), Habitat and uses. Leaf Mount Collection will be organized and indexed by its Latin family

name and scientific name.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

- 1. Construct a leaf mount collection to serve as a study guide for weekly plant identification quizzes.
  - a. Each specimen will be collected from its habitat and properly dried.
  - b. Each specimen will be researched to identify its local common name, scientific name, family name (Latin and English), habitat and uses.
  - c. Distinguishing plant structures and features (leaves, buds, twigs, bark, fruit, habit, and crown shape) will be identified to help students to learn identification traits.

## **Grading and Assessment**

#### **EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS\***

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures / artifacts are listed below.

#### **EVALUATION\***

Approx.10-12 weekly Tree Identification Quizzes	50%
Four Latin Name Quizzes	8%
Tree Identification Notebook Project	12%
Written Quizzes, Tests & Final on Tree Biology	18%
Tree Identification Final	<u>12%</u>
	100%

<sup>\*</sup>Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.

#### **GRADING SYSTEM:**

This course follows the College's grading system as delineated in the Catalog. Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 - 90, B = 89 - 80, C = 79 - 70, D = 69 - 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean's approval if changes in the scale are made.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods

<sup>\*</sup>Students – please refer to the Instructor's Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.

are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop (<u>ACADEMIC CALENDAR</u>). You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

#### Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of eighty percent (80%) of his or her classes in order to be eligible to receive credit for any course. However, due to the varied nature of courses taught at the College, a more rigid attendance policy may be required by individual instructors. At a minimum, a student may be withdrawn from a course(s) after he or she has been absent in excess of ten percent (10%) of the total contact hours for a course. Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.

This course will follow the College's 80% attendance policy. The course is made up of 2 Lecture hours per week and 3 Lab hours per week. Students who miss any combination of missed hours exceeding 20% of the scheduled class / lab time will be dropped from the course with a W or a WF. Students missing a lab session are encouraged to join another section if possible to stay current.

## Part V: Student Resources

# The Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC)

The SSTC offers to all students the following free resources:

- Academic coaches for most subject areas, Writing Center Support, and college success skills.
- 2. On-line student success and academic support resources.

Visit the SSTC website: <u>Student Success & Tutoring Center</u> and visit the student services tab in your WaveNet account to schedule appointments using TutorTrac. For more information, call: SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455. Room locations and Live Chat is available on the SSTC website.

## **Student Information Center: WaveNet Central (WNC)**

WNC offers to all students the following **free** resources:



- 1. **Getting around HGTC**: General information and guidance for enrollment!
- 2. Use the <u>Online Resource Center (ORC)</u> for COMPASS support, technology education, and online tools.
- 3. **Drop-in technology support or scheduled training** in the Center or in class.
- 4. In-person workshops, online tutorials and more services are available.



Visit the WNC website: <u>Wavenet Central</u>. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. Or please call one of the following locations: WNC Conway, 349-5182; WNC Grand Strand, 477-2076; and WNC Georgetown, 520-1473.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through RPNow, our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the Online Testing section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

## **Disability Services:**

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to Jocelyn Williams, Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus Jaime Davis, Counselor/Advisor on the Georgetown Campus or Kristin Griffin, Counselor on the Grand Strand Campus. These individuals will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

# Statement of Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Statement

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy in educational programs and/or activities.

#### Title IX Requirements

Horry Georgetown Technical College prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Any student who believe he or she has experienced or witnessed discrimination including sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking is encouraged to report such incidents to one of the College's Title IX Coordinators.

\*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:	
Student and prospective student inquiries	Employee and applicant inquiries concerning
concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and	Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their
their application to the College or any student	application to the College may be directed to the
decision may be directed to the Associate Vice	Associate Vice President for Human Resources.
President for Student Affairs.	
Dr. Melissa Batten, AVP Student Affairs	Jacquelyne Snyder, AVP Human Resources
Title IX Coordinator	Section 504, Title II, and Title IX Coordinator
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