



Horry-Georgetown
Technical College

COURSE INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

TUF 175

Turfgrass Pest II

Effective Term

Fall 2026/Spring 2027/Summer 2027

Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: Tuf 175

COURSE TITLE: Turfgrass Pest II

CONTACT HOURS: 5.0.

CREDIT HOURS: 3.0

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

The modern management of turfgrasses under high maintenance *conditions*, such as on golf courses, requires the manager to be intimately familiar with pest problems that may occur. These pests include weeds, insects, and diseases. The manager must be able to identify pests and monitor the turf to anticipate weed, insect and disease problems in advance and apply control measures to prevent outbreaks. This course is designed to familiarize the student with the biology and ecology of the most common and serious insect, disease, weed pests, their identification, and strategies for their management

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an in-depth analysis of turfgrass pests with emphasis on scientific resources.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

TUF 174

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the [BOOKSTORE](#) online site for most current textbook information.

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

- Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's learning management system (LMS) used for course materials.
- Access to myHGTC portal for student self-services.
- College email access – this is the college's primary official form of communication.

ATTENDANCE VERIFICATION:

The Add/Drop Period is the first 7 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format classes. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for deadlines for add/drop. You must attend at least one meeting of all 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

IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION:

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to complete identity verification. Please refer to your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

STUDENT COURSE EVALUATIONS:

Each semester, students are provided with an opportunity to participate in course evaluation surveys. These evaluations offer crucial feedback to instructors and the College, leading to enhancement of educational quality. By completing these surveys, you play a key role in the ongoing improvement of teaching methods and course content, ensuring future students enjoy a better learning experience. Students are encouraged to complete these surveys as your active participation in this process reflects your dedication to your education and drives positive change.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE AND STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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 an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

To ensure a positive College experience, guidelines exist in numerous areas of campus life. The Student Code for The South Carolina Technical College System

"The Student Code" (3-2-106.1) applies to all HGTC students. The Student Code sets forth rights and responsibilities of the individual student, identifies behaviors that are not consistent with the values of college communities, and describes the procedures that will be followed to adjudicate cases of alleged misconduct. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a civil manner, that is respectful of the rights of others, and that is compatible with the college's educational mission. Students are expected to comply with all of the college's duly established rules and regulations regarding student behavior while on campus; while participating in off-campus college sponsored activities; and while participating in off-campus clinical, field, internship, or in-service experiences. Students are expected to comply with all course requirements as specified by instructors in course syllabi and to meet the standards of acceptable classroom behavior set by instructors. For more information, login to your myHGTC account under "Student Rights and Responsibilities" card then select "Student Code of Conduct" or the "Student Catalog and Handbook."

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

UNIT I **Introduction Weeds** the student should be able to identify factors affecting weed ecology, including cultural operations, climatic factors, dormancy, and seed production. Discuss weed influences on turf and possible signs of unsuitable turfgrass growing conditions.

Biology and Management of Weeds in

Turfgrasses Types of Weeds

1. Explain the meaning of Weed.
2. Distinguish between the following: broadleaf weeds, grasses, annuals, perennials, biennial, winter annual, summer annual, perennial, biennial, winter annual, summer annual

Weed Biology

1. Explain how annual weeds are classified by season
2. Discuss the seasonal differences of annual weed germination

Weed Ecology

1. Identify the factors affecting weed ecology
2. Discuss factors affecting weed ecology, including cultural operations, climatic factors, dormancy.

Influence of Weeds on Turf

1. Explain how weeds influence the turf
2. Identify turf resources that are affected by competition of weeds and turf
3. Discuss the role of allelopathy compound
4. Identify possible signs of unsuitable turfgrass growing conditions.

Weed Identification

1. Identify different types of leaf arrangement on broadleaf weeds: alternate, opposite, whorled, basal rosette.
2. Distinguish between simple and compound leaf types.
3. Identify and label flower arrangements in broadleaf weeds.
4. Identify the parts of a flower and explain the role of each part: stamen, imperfect flower, pistil, regular/irregular flowers, perfect flower, disk and ray flowers
5. Identify features for identifying grassy weeds: vernation types, sheath margins, ligule, rhizome, collar types, stolon, auticle arrangement, palea, lemma, awn, glume, floret
6. Utilize a dichotomous key for identification of broadleaf and grassy weeds.
7. Identify approximately **60** common turfgrass weeds.

Cultural Control Methods

1. List cultural control methods for weed management
2. Explain each cultural control method

Chemical Controls

1. List categories of chemical control
2. Discuss the following categories: contact herbicide, systemic herbicide, soil sterilant

UNIT II **Plant Diseases** The student will be able to develop and in-depth knowledge of the symptoms and primary hosts of turfgrass disease their biology and control.

Unit II **Insects** The student will identify insects and monitor turf to anticipate

problems in advance and apply control measures to prevent outbreaks.

1. List classes of arthropod animals.
2. Identify and label unknown adult and larval insects to order level.
3. Identify unknown insects associated with turf using dichotomous keys.
4. Identify metamorphosis patterns of specific turfgrass insect pests.
5. Describe how specific insects injure turfgrasses.
6. Identify larval types of Coleoptera pests.
7. Summarize the generalized life cycle of Japanese, May and Green June beetles.
8. Define control strategies for grub and billbug control.
9. Identify and classify billbugs and diagram their generalized life cycles.
10. Identify wireworm larvae and adults.
11. Identify and classify ground pearls. List the primary hosts and give a generalized life cycle.
12. Identify the Southern and tawny mole crickets, be able to discuss their generalized life cycles, and give control strategies.

13. Identify sod webworm, cutworm, and armyworm larvae, give generalized life cycles and control strategies.
14. Discuss reasons the frit fly is a pest of turf.
15. Identify chinch bugs, be able to discuss their generalized life cycles, distinguish between Southern and hairy chinch bugs, list general turfgrass hosts of each, and give control strategies.
16. Identify greenbugs and describe the damage they may cause on Kentucky bluegrass.
17. Describe damage and generalized life cycles of leafhoppers, scale insects, spittlebugs, mites.
18. Describe the life cycle, history of spread, and control measures for the red imported fire ant.
19. Describe in detail the relationship between the cicada-killer wasp and its host.
20. Distinguish between applied and natural control of turfgrass insect pests.
21. List the 5 basic steps in insect pest management.

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UNIT III

1. Define:

a. disease	f. pathogen
b. symptom/sign	g. fungi
c. injury	h. virus
d. infectious/noninfectious	i. bacteria
e. parasite	j. nematode
2. Concerning fungi, define:

a. hypha	d. oospore
b. spores	e. sporangia
c. sclerotia	f. conidia
3. List the 5 primary classes of fungi.

4. Give specific examples of fungi represented by each class.
5. Describe how slime molds might be mistaken for turfgrass pathogens.
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7. Diagram a generalized life cycle of *Pythium* and describe why *Pythium* is an important pathogen.
8. List ways in which fungal spores are transported.
9. List nine cultural practices that aid in control of turfgrass diseases.
10. Utilize a key to aid in identification of turfgrass diseases.
11. Describe symptoms and primary hosts and control of the following fungal diseases: anthracnose, copper spot, curvularia blight *Bipolaris* and *Drechslera*: diseases, dollar spot, downy mildew, fairy rings, Fusarium patch, gray leafspot, leaf smuts, , red thread, brown patch, yellow patch, rusts, Typhula blight, Southern blight, spring dead spot, summer patch and necrotic ringspot, take-all patch, and seed decay, damping-off, and seedling blights.
12. List the three basic methods of control of infectious plant disease and give examples of each method.
13. Define a soil fumigant and give reasons why disease and nematode problems may be more severe following fumigation.
14. Define:
 - a. nematicide
 - b. fungicide
 - c. protective-contact fungicide
 - d. systemic fungicides
 - e. WP, G, F, S, WDG, etc.
15. Give 5 possible negative effects of fungicides.
16. Describe symptoms, spread, hosts, and control for St. Augustine Decline.
17. Define:
 - a. stylet
 - b. ectoparasite
 - c. population
 - d. endoparasite
 - e. threshold population

18. Describe the 2 major ways nematodes damage roots.
19. Describe symptoms of nematode damaged turfgrass.
20. List control measures for nematodes (preplant and postplant).

Module #1

Materials

Covered: Unit 1 Turfgrass Weeds

***Assessment(s):** Weed
Collection.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe factors affecting weed ecology, including cultural dormancy, and seed production.
2. Label examples of leaf arrangement on weeds: alternate, opposite, whorled, basal rosette t.
3. Use dichotomous keys for identification of broadleaf and grassy weeds.

Module #3

Materials Covered: Unit 3 Plant
Diseases

***Assessment(s):** *Lab activity*

Learning Outcomes:

1. List the three basic methods of control of infectious plant disease, and give examples of each method.
2. Describe the 5 primary classes of fungi
3. Explain multiple control measures and why they may change in a turfgrass

Students – please refer* **Part III: 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*

Tests	25%
Quiz	15%
Lab Projects	35%
Lab	15%
	100%

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

GRADING SYSTEM:

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.

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, and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 – Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student, and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

For online and hybrid courses, refer to your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. In online courses, attendance is fulfilled through the submission of academic work. Please be aware that instructors may require exams to be proctored either online or at an approved testing site. If you choose to use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, that center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources



THE STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER (SSTC):

The SSTC offers all students the following **free** resources:

1. Academic tutors for most subject areas, Writing Center support, and Academic Coaching for college success skills.
2. Online tutoring and academic support resources.
3. Professional and interpersonal communication coaching.

Visit the [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) website for more information. To schedule tutoring or coaching, contact the SSTC at sstc@hgtc.edu or self-schedule in the Penji iOS/Android app or at www.penjiapp.com. Email sstc@hgtc.edu or call SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455, or go to the SSTC [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources.

STUDENT INFORMATION CENTER – TECH Central:

TECH Central offers all students the following free resources:

1. Getting around HGTC: General information and guidance for enrollment, financial aid, registration, and payment plan support!
2. In-person and remote assistance are available for Desire2Learn, Student Portal, Degree Works, and Office 365.
3. Chat with our staff on TECH Talk, our live chat service. TECH Talk can be accessed on the student portal and on TECH Central's website, or by texting questions to (843) 375-8552. Visit the [Tech Central website](#) for more information. Live Chat and Center locations are posted on the website. You may also call (843) 349-5199.

**HGTC LIBRARY:**

Each campus location has a library where HGTC students, faculty, and staff may check out materials with their HGTC ID. All three HGTC campus libraries have librarians and staff who can aid with research, computers to support academic research and related school-work, and individual/group study rooms. Printing is available as well at each location. Visit the [Library](#) website for more information or call (843) 349-5268.

STUDENT TESTING:

Testing in HGTC courses may occur during regularly scheduled class time or online, with or without proctoring. Tests may be delivered in the following formats:

- Digitally through D2L
- In writing on paper
- Through a publisher platform (note: some publisher platforms carry an associated fee)

Tests may include time limits and may require proctoring depending on the course.

When proctoring is required and is not provided by the course instructor in the classroom, students may complete their test face-to-face at an [HGTC Testing](#)

[Center](#) or another approved testing site, or online using HGTC's online proctoring provider. For more information about available proctoring options, visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC Testing Center webpage.

Students testing at an HGTC Testing Center should note the following:

- **Appointments must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance.**
- **A physical, government-issued photo ID is required to test.**

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. Students seeking accommodations are encouraged to visit HGTC's [Accessibility and Disability Service webpage](#) for detailed information.

It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide appropriate documentation. Once documentation is submitted, the student will participate in an interactive process with Accessibility and Disability Services staff to determine reasonable accommodations. Students may begin the accommodations process at any time; however, accommodations are **not retroactive** and will only be applied from the point at which they are approved. Students must contact the office **each semester** to renew their accommodations.

For assistance, please contact the Accessibility and Disability Services team at disabilityservices@hgtc.edu or 843-796-8818 (call or text).

COUNSELING SERVICES:

HGTC Counseling Services strives to optimize student success through managing personal and academic concerns that may interfere with achieving educational goals. Staff are available to every student for assistance and guidance on personal matters, academic concerns and other areas of concern. HGTC offers free in-person and telehealth counseling services to students. For more information about counseling services, please reach out to counseling@hgtc.edu or visit the website the [Counseling Services webpage](#).

STATEMENT OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT:

Our sincere commitment to both effective business management and equitable treatment of our employees requires that we present this Policy Statement as an embodiment of that commitment to the fullest.

Discrimination is conduct that includes unjust or prejudicial treatment based upon an individual's age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, and genetic information or any other protected classes deemed unlawful under State or Federal law that excludes an individual from participation in, denies the individual the benefits of, treats the individual differently, or otherwise adversely affects a term or condition of a person's working or learning environment. This includes failing to provide reasonable accommodation, consistent with state and federal law, to persons with disabilities.

All inquiries regarding the federal laws as they relate to discrimination on the basis of sex may be directed to Jen Riddei, Title IX Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, 843-349-5218, Jenifer.Riddei@hgtc.edu.

Student and prospective student inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to Dr. Melissa Batten, Vice President, Student Affairs, and Section 504 & Title II Coordinator, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 1100C, Room 107A, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966-6066, 843-349-5228, Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu.

Employee and applicant inquiries concerning the federal laws and their application to the College may be directed to Jacquelyne Snyder, Vice President, Human Resources and Employee Relations and the College's Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Building 200C, Room 205B, 2050 HWY 501 E, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5212, Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu.

TITLE IX REQUIREMENTS:

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects students, employees, applicants for admission and employment, and other persons from all forms of sex discrimination.

HGTC prohibits the offenses of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and will provide students, faculty, and staff with necessary information regarding prevention, policies, procedures, and resources.

Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that they have been a victim of sexual harassment, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking may file a report with the college's Title IX Coordinator or campus law enforcement*.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report these incidents to the Title IX Coordinator 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).

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PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS

Under Title IX, colleges must not exclude a pregnant student from participating in any part of an educational program. Horry-Georgetown Technical College is committed to ensuring that pregnant students receive reasonable accommodations to ensure access to our educational programs.

Students should advise the Title IX Coordinator of a potential need for accommodations as soon as they know they are pregnant. It is extremely important that communication between student, instructors, and the Title IX Coordinator begin as soon as possible. Each situation is unique and will be addressed individually.

Title IX accommodations DO NOT apply to Financial Aid. Financial Aid regulations do not give the College any discretion in terms of Financial Aid eligibility.

Certain educational programs may have strict certification requirements or

requirements mandated by outside regulatory agencies. Therefore, in some programs, the application of Title IX accommodations may be limited.

To request pregnancy accommodations, please complete the *Pregnancy Intake Form* that can be found [here](#).