

Biology of Plant Stress (BIOD37H) **Course Syllabus, Winter 2019**

Lectures: Mondays, 9-11am, BV355

Tutorials: Wednesdays, 9-11am, BV355

Course Personnel	Role	e-mail
Prof. Vanlerberghe	Instructor (course content, marking)	gregv@utsc.utoronto.ca
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Questions about lecture content?

If you have questions about the course content, the **instructor** is available to help you with this. The instructor has **office hours (in SY262) on Friday's from 9am till Noon**. Please stop by during these times. Please note that the instructor can also provide brief answers to a few questions by e-mail (with about a 24 h turn-around) but it is more ideal to see him in person during office hours.

Questions about the tutorials?

If you a question related to the tutorials, the **teaching assistant** is available to help you with this. There should be opportunity within tutorial sessions for this, or you can contact them by e-mail.

Course assignments

More information regarding several course assignments will be presented to you in the first week's lecture and the first week's tutorial session. Briefly, the assignments will include:

1. A presentation to the class, on a scientific paper assigned to you.
2. Your participation (attendance, questions, discussions) in tutorial sessions.
3. An essay, on a topic assigned to you.

Lecture materials

All of the slides and any other material presented in the course will be posted on a **course page in Quercus** prior to the lecture or tutorial. **These materials are meant as a guide to the topics being presented. You should supplement these materials with your own in-class note-taking.** The Quercus course page may also be used for other purposes such as **posting of readings** and **class announcements**. The **readings** are meant to enhance your understanding of the course material being presented, which should increase your performance on tests, assignments and exams.

Evaluation	Value	Material Being Tested	Due Date
Term Test 1 ^a	15%	Lecture material and lecture / tutorial readings	Monday, <u>February 11</u> (1.5 h, in class)
Term Test 2 ^a	15%	Lecture material and lecture / tutorial readings	Monday, <u>March 18</u> (1.5 h, in class)
Assignment ^d	15%	Your presentation and discussion of assigned article (in tutorial)	Date to be determined
Assignment ^d	10%	Your tutorial participation and prepared questions	Throughout term
Assignment ^{b,d}	15%	Your <u>essay</u> on assigned topic	Monday, <u>March 25</u> (submit <u>hard-copy</u> in class)
Final Exam ^c	30%	<u>All</u> lecture material and lecture / tutorial readings	To be announced

^a Please note that there is **no make-up test** if you miss a term test. If you miss a term test and **provide appropriate documentation for having missed the test**, then the final exam will automatically be worth 45% of your final grade. Proper documentation must be submitted to Jennifer Campbell (SW421D; jacampbell@utsc.utoronto.ca; [416] 287-7404) within 5 business days of having missed the test. This documentation will be confirmed.

^b For late essays, the penalty is -20% per day.

^c The date of the final exam will not yet be known at the beginning of term, but will be announced in class and on the course page (Quercus) as soon as it is known. Please note that the final exam may be scheduled for an evening or on a Saturday.

^d This term we are trying a pilot program regarding the requirement of submitting the Verification of Student Illness form for missed term **assignments**. Specifically, if you are ill during the term, and this illness influences your ability to meet a deadline for submission of a term assignment, rather than submitting a Verification of Student Illness form in your request for accommodation you can submit a [Self-Declaration of Student Illness form](#), indicating the days in which you were ill. This form is meant to take the place of the more typical medical form.

Please note the following aspects related to this Self-Declaration of Student Illness form:

1. Similar to the submission of a medical form, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE** for contacting Jennifer Campbell, the administrative staff in your department to make arrangements for an accommodation for this work.
2. You may use the Self-Declaration of Student Illness form **ONLY for term assignments**. For any term exams in this course, you will need to submit a Verification of Student Illness form. For the final exam, you will need to follow the typical procedures for petitioning to write a deferred exam.
3. You may use the Self-Declaration of Student Illness form up to three times in this course. If you require an additional accommodation for a term assignment, you must then use the standard [UTSC Verification of Illness Form](#).
4. *Submitting a false Self-Declaration of Student Illness form constitutes academic misconduct, and could be subject to sanctions under the Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters.*

Please submit any Self-Declaration of Student Illness forms in the same fashion as you would have a previous Verification of Student Illness form. Accordingly, you will need to submit this form to Jennifer Campbell, Course Coordinator **within three days of the missed term work**.

Please ensure you consult the course syllabus for policies and procedures regarding missed term work and possible accommodations. Once you have submitted the Self Declaration form or UTSC medical certificate to Jennifer Campbell, Jennifer will consult with your instructor and give you instructions on what accommodations (if any) you will have.