

## **Biology of Plant Stress (BIOD37H)** **Course Syllabus, Winter 2018**

**Lectures:** Mondays, 9-11am, BV355

**Tutorials:** Wednesdays, 9-11am, BV355

<b>Course Personnel</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>e-mail</b>
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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 that will be assigned to you.
2. Your participation (attendance, questions, discussions) in tutorial sessions.
3. An essay, on a topic to be 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 Blackboard** 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 Blackboard 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 <sup>a</sup>	25%	Lecture material and lecture / tutorial readings	Monday, <u>February 26</u> (2h, in class)
Assignment	15%	Your presentation and discussion of assigned article (in tutorial)	Date to be determined
Assignment	10%	Your tutorial participation and prepared questions	Throughout term
Assignment <sup>b</sup>	15%	Your essay on assigned topic	Monday, <u>March 26</u> (to be submitted through <u>Turnitin</u> and as <u>hard-copy</u> in class)
Final Exam <sup>c</sup>	35%	<u>All</u> lecture material and lecture / tutorial readings	To be announced

<sup>a</sup> Please note that there is **no make-up test** if you miss the term test. If you miss the term test and **provide appropriate documentation for having missed the test**, then the final exam will automatically be worth 60% of your final mark. Proper documentation must be submitted to Jennifer Campbell (SW421D; [jacampbell@utsc.utoronto.ca](mailto:jacampbell@utsc.utoronto.ca); [416] 287-7404) within 5 business days of having missed the test. This documentation will be confirmed.

<sup>b</sup> For late essays, the penalty is -20% per day.

<sup>c</sup> 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 (Blackboard) as soon as it is known. Please note that the final exam may be scheduled for an evening or on a Saturday.