

Biology of Plant Stress (BIOD37H) **Course Syllabus, Winter 2017**

Lectures: Mondays, 9-11am, AA205

Tutorials: Wednesdays, 9-11am, AA204

| Course Personnel | Role | e-mail |
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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.

Lecture and tutorial materials and readings

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.

| Methods of Evaluation | Assignment (% value) | Material Being Tested | Due Date |
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| Midterm Test ^a | 20% | Lecture material and readings | Monday, <u>February 13</u> (2h, in class) |
| Assignment ^b | Tutorial Presentation (17.5%) | Chosen article | To be determined |
| Assignment ^b | Tutorial Participation (5%) | Tutorial attendance and participation in question periods | Throughout term |
| Assignment ^{b,c} | Short Essay I (7.5%) | Chosen article | Monday, <u>February 6</u> (in class) |
| Assignment ^{b,c} | Short Essay II (10%) | Chosen article | Monday, <u>March 27</u> (in class) |
| Final Exam ^d | 40% | All lecture material and readings | To be announced |

^a 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 to the instructor for having missed the test**, then the final exam will automatically be worth 60% of your final mark.

^b **Note that more information regarding the course assignments will be presented in the first week's lecture and the first week's tutorial session.**

^c If you are late handing in an assignment, the penalty is -20% per day.

^d The date of the final exam will not yet be known at the beginning of term, but the date 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.