

**OHO 371**  
**Nursery Production Technology**  
**3 Semester Hours Credit**  
**8:00 AM to 9:15 Am Tuesdays and Thursdays**

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**Catalog Description**

Production and wholesale marketing techniques of woody and herbaceous ornamental plants including site selection, growing procedures, and shipping.

**Course Objectives**

1. To familiarize the student with basic business management techniques as they apply to the nursery industry. This includes such applicable topics as basic management structures, financial management, and inventory management.
2. To familiarize the student with production techniques for both field grown and container grown plants. This includes production site selection, production area design, media and nutrient selection, irrigation techniques, pest control, and growth modification.

**Attendance Policy**

Students enrolled in classes in the Agriculture Department are required to attend (ON TIME) all scheduled meetings of the class for which they are enrolled. If a student has a legitimate reason to be absent (personal illness, critical illness or death in the immediate family, or participation in an approved University activity), he or she is expected to discuss (if possible) the anticipated absence with the instructor **prior** to his or her absence and make arrangements for any make-up work that must be done. The instructor will judge the validity for the reason for an absence. In case of an emergency of such a nature that the above requirements cannot be met, the student should inform the instructor at the first opportunity after the student's return to campus. He or she should present adequate and **documented** reasons for the absence. In all cases **it is the student's responsibility** to request the opportunity to make up work. Absences in excess of **20% of the class meetings** will automatically result in a failing grade unless this requirement is waived by the instructor and the department chairman. Enforcement of this policy is the responsibility of the instructor, and un-excused absences may be used as a factor in determining a grade for the course. Class attendance will be recorded with a signature sheet with the student signing the roll at the beginning of each class. Any student attending a class late and failing to sign the class attendance record will be counted absent. Any student arriving late wishing to sign the class attendance record must provide a valid reason for the tardiness before being permitted to sign the record. **It is the student's responsibility** to request this late sign-in otherwise the lack of a signature will indicate an absence. Students with excessive tardiness will be subject to a lowering of their grade. **It is the student's responsibility to acquire any assignment material or lecture material due to absence or tardiness.**

The professor's lecture material and/or notes **are not loaned out.**  
**NOTE: No makeup quizzes will be given.**

## Grading Procedures

1. **Lecture Quizzes:** Announced and unannounced quizzes will be given through out the semester. Quizzes will be based on the previous lectures and/or reading assignments.  
**NO MAKEUP QUIZZES WILL BE GIVEN !**
2. **Midterm Exam:** A midterm exam will be given the week of September 30 - October 4 and will cover all material covered in class prior to the exam. **NOTE:** If this exam is missed **WITH AN EXCUSED ABSENCE**, an opportunity to make up the exam will be given **ONLY at 7:00 AM Friday December 6.**
3. **Literature Reviews:** Reviews of professional magazine articles which deal with the production and/or wholesale marketing of nursery stock will be required of each student. The students will be expected to prepare **typed** abstracts of these articles and present **oral** reports to the class on the articles.
4. **Final Exam:** A **comprehensive** final exam will be given **Thursday December 12, 2002 at 8:00 AM.**
5. **Class Participation and Attendance:** A subjective evaluation will be made of each student's participation in class discussions and attendance record at the end of the semester.
6. **Field Trip:** A field trip to a local nursery is planned for this semester. This trip will require three to four hours to complete and will begin at 8:00 AM. **Students will be required to participate in this exercise.** Any student participating in this field trip and requiring a request for an excused absence due to missing another class, will be provided with this request from the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The date of this trip will be announce as soon as arrangements are made. A **typed** report on observations from this trip will be required from each student.

## Grade Values

Quizzes	100 Points
Midterm Exam	100 Points
Literature Reviews	60 Points
Field Trip and Report	60 Points
Class Participation and Attendance	20 Points
Final Exam	<u>200 Points</u>
Total Points	540 Points

Final grades will be assigned according to the following point totals:

Grade	% of Possible Points	Point Range
A	100% - 95%	540 - 513
A-	94% - 90%	512 - 486
B+	89% - 88%	485 - 475
B	87% - 83%	474 - 448
B-	82% - 80%	447 - 432
C+	79% - 78%	432 - 421
C	77% - 73%	420 - 394
C-	72% - 70%	393 - 378
D+	69% - 68%	377 - 367
D	67% - 63%	366 - 340
D-	62% - 60%	339 - 324
F	Less than 60%	Any total lower than 324

**NOTE:** The last date to drop this class is **Friday October 11, 2002**

**Required Text:** None

**If there is any student in this class who is in need of academic accommodations and who is registered with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities, please make an individual appointment with the course instructor to discuss accommodations. Upon individual request, this syllabus can be made available in alternative forms. If any student who is not registered with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities has need of academic accommodations, please contact the Office directly either in person in room 361 of the Student Services Building or by telephone at 622-1500.**