#### Syllabus- PLP6262 Fungal Plant Pathogens/PLP4260 Introduction to Plant Pathogenic Fungi Spring 2024

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Class Location:	M,T,W,TH,F: 2306 Fifield Hall online via Zoom <u>https://ufl.zoom.us/j/</u>
Class Times: 7 week	x module : Jan 08 to February 28, 2024 Lectures: M,F period 5 (11:45-12:35 pm); W period 5-6 (11:45- 1:40 pm) Labs: T,TH period 5-6 (11:45- 1:40 pm)
Class Website: Office Hours: Class Recordings:	http://elearning.ufl.edu/ (e-Learning in Canvas) By appointment Lecture and Lab Introductions are accessible under the "Zoom Conferences" tab on the course Canvas page

**Course Description:** This course is an introduction to the diversity, biology and diseases of fungal plant pathogens. Fungi and their allies are a diverse group of organisms that comprise the majority of plant pathogens. Their members are found in every fungal order, as well as among numerous orders outside the Kingdom Fungi but traditionally studied as fungi, e.g., the Stramenopiles. This course will include a survey of taxonomic groups of fungal and fungal-like plant pathogens, an overview of common fungal pathogens in various types of plant culture systems, and discussion of general plant pathology principles as they relate to fungal pathogens. Lectures and labs are co-taught with PLP4260C: Introduction to Plant Pathogenic Fungi. Students enrolled in the graduate course will have a course project and more rigorous Exams and Quizzes relative to their undergraduate classmates.

#### Course Objectives: Students will learn to

- distinguish among taxonomic orders that contain fungal pathogens, and identify fungal pathogens to order and genus level;
- recognize several of the most common fungal plant pathogens and understand key aspects of their biology and lifecycles that distinguish them;
- differentiate patterns in disease development and control strategies as they pertain to specific growing systems;
- use knowledge of pathogen biology and epidemiology to develop reasonable hypotheses about effective long and short term control strategies for fungal pathogens.

#### Course Texts:

Recommended: <u>Plant Pathology</u> 5th Edition (2005) by G. N. Agrios, Elsevier Academic Press, Inc.; <u>Mycology Guide: Key Terms and Concepts</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by N. Vargas et al., APS Press Required: Journal articles will be assigned throughout the course. These will be made available through the class website. A Reading List is attached.

**Exams and Grading**: There will be three, non-cumulative lecture-lab-discussion exams. There will also be regular lab assignments, five short quizzes throughout the term, and a Fungal Biology Oral Presentation (PLP6262 only).

**Quizzes**: Quizzes will be unannounced, and will be given at the beginning of class or lab periods. They will be **open-book**, but students will have a limited time to complete the questions. If you arrive late, you will not be given additional time to complete the quiz, nor will make-up quizzes be given for unexcused

absences. Quiz questions will come from recent lectures or assigned readings, and will be designed to reinforce key concepts and help prepare you for questions that will appear on the exams.

**Fungal Biology Presentation**: Each PLP6262 student will develop and present a PowerPoint talk on a topic of fungal biology. Additional information concerning project requirements and due dates can be found on page 5.

#### Course Grade

Your course grade will be based on the following assessments:

Assessment	Points
Exam I	100
Exam II	100
Exam III	100
Quizzes	50
Lab Assignments	50
Oral Presentation*	50
Total Possible Points	450

\*PLP6262 only

Your course grade will be assigned as follows.

Letter Grade	Grade Points	Percentage	Assignment Points
А	4.0	90 or above	≥405
A-	3.67	87-89.9	392-404
B+	3.33	84-86.9	378-391
В	3.0	80-83.9	360-377
B-	2.67	77-79.9	347-359
C+	2.33	74-76.9	333-346
С	2.0	70-73.9	315-332
C-	1.67	67-69.9	302-314
D+	1.33	64-66.9	288-301
D	1.0	60-63.9	270-287
D-	0.67	57-59.9	257-269
E	0.0	56.9 or below	≤256

**Class Attendance & Participation**: Participation is a vital part of both the course experience and the course grade. Students will be expected to arrive at each class on time and prepared to fully participate in the lecture, lab, or other class activities. If you must miss a class due to illness or other extenuating circumstances, notify the instructor as soon as possible. Student athletes will be excused for official events through the University Athletic Association. Absences due to personal planning (leaving town, attending club functions, picking someone up at the airport, etc.) will not be excused, and missed points may not be made up.

**Make-up Work**: If you are ill on an exam day, notify the instructor as soon as you are able, and a make-up exam will be scheduled for you. If you must miss an exam for any other reason, please make arrangements ahead of time to reschedule. In most cases, **laboratory exercises may not be made up**. Laboratory cultures, demonstrations, and other materials are typically prepared in advance, often ephemeral or expendable by nature, and cannot be easily recreated. If you absolutely must miss a lab, it is particularly important to notify the instructor before the end of the missed lab period, so that at least some of the demonstration materials may be set aside for you to view and work on later.

# UNIVERSITY POLICIES AND SERVICES

#### Grades and Grade Points

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see <u>https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/</u>

#### Academic Honesty

In 1995 the UF student body enacted an honor code and voluntarily committed itself to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. When students enroll at the university, they commit themselves to the standard drafted and enacted by students.

The Honor Pledge: We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. On all work submitted for credit by students at the university, the following pledge is either required or implied: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

The <u>Honor Code and Student Code of Conduct</u> specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. <u>Click here to see the process for resolving reports of Honor Code violations</u>. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel including the instructor, department chair, college dean, Student Honor Council, or Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution in the Dean of Students Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor for this class.

It is assumed all work will be completed independently unless the assignment is defined as a <u>group project</u>, in writing by the instructor. This policy will be vigorously upheld at all times in this course.

#### Software Use:

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

#### **Campus Helping Resources**

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/
  - Counseling Services Groups and Workshops Outreach and Consultation Self-Help Library Training Programs Community Provider Database
- Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, www.crc.ufl.edu/

#### Services for Students with Disabilities

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. <u>Click here to get started with the</u> <u>Disability Resource Center</u>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

#### Online course evaluation process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. <u>Click here for guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner</u>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <u>ufl.bluera.com/ufl/</u>.

#### COVID related practices

We will have face-to-face instructional sessions to accomplish the student learning objectives of this course. In response to COVID-19, the following policies and requirements are in place to maintain your learning environment and to enhance the safety of our in-classroom interactions.

- You are required to wear approved face coverings at all times during class and within buildings. Following and enforcing these policies and requirements are all of our responsibility. Failure to do so will lead to a report to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.
- This course has been assigned a physical classroom with enough capacity to maintain physical distancing (6 feet between individuals) requirements. Please utilize designated seats and maintain appropriate spacing between students. Please do not move desks or stations.
- Sanitizing supplies are available in the classroom if you wish to wipe down your desks prior to sitting down and at the end of the class.
- Follow your instructor's guidance on how to enter and exit the classroom. Practice physical distancing to the extent possible when entering and exiting the classroom.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (<u>Click here for guidance from the CDC on symptoms of coronavirus</u>), please use the UF Health screening system and follow the instructions on whether you are able to attend class. <u>Click here for UF Health guidance on what to do if you have been exposed to or are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms</u>.
  - Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. <u>Find more information in the university</u> <u>attendance policies</u>.

#### Privacy-related issues

Our class sessions may be audio visually recorded for students in the class to refer back and for enrolled students who are unable to attend live. Students who participate with their camera engaged or utilize a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live. The chat will not be recorded or shared. As in all courses, unauthorized recording and unauthorized sharing of recorded materials is prohibited.

THE INSTRUCTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE OR MODIFY INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE SYLLABUS. CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS SUPERSEDE SYLLABUS STATEMENTS.

## **Fungal Biology Oral Presentation Information**

#### **Topic Selection**

Each student will develop and present a 15-20 min oral presentation on a fungal biology topic. Topics may be chosen from the spreadsheet list found on the class website or a topic of your own choosing with approval from the instructor. Topics will be claimed on a first-requested-first-assigned basis. You will sign up by e-mailing me directly (rollinsj@ufl.edu) with the topic that you have chosen. I will update and post the spreadsheet in the order that I receive the e-mail requests. I will send an e-mail confirmation when I have approved your choice. Once someone has signed up for a particular topic, no other student will be permitted to present on this topic. A topic must be chosen by the end of lecture on February 1. Sign up early if you have a topic you are particularly interested in! Presentations will begin on February 16. The order of presentations will be chosen at random.

#### Presentation Style and Length

Length: 15-20 min; an extra five minutes will be available for questions.

#### Format: PowerPoint

<u>Organization</u>: A title slide including the topic and your name is required. Background/introductory information is expected. A clear and concise explanation of the topic is expected. Examples of how the topic advances understanding of biology (fungal or otherwise) or is applied to managing disease, improving ecosystems, producing useful products, etc is expected. Presentation of information from a recently published paper concerning the topic may be helpful. A summary of key take away points should be obvious and emphasized.

<u>Style</u>: These presentations are intended to be mini topical lectures. Your audience is Graduate and Doctor of Plant Medicine students.

Exam question: Each presenter will create one multiple-choice question pertaining to his/her presentation topic. You should e-mail this question to me (rollinsj@ufl.edu) with the correct answer indicated after your presentation is given. The exam questions will be posted on the e-Learning (Canvas) course page.

#### **Resources and References**

Every source of data, pictures, text, information, etc. used in your presentation should be cited on the slide. If too many for each slide, include a reference list at the end.

#### Due Dates

A pdf or powerpoint copy of your presentation is due by the end of the class period on the day of your presentation. This copy can be up-laoded to canvas, directly e-mailed (<u>rollinsj@ufl.edu</u>) or cloud-dropped to the instructor.

#### Grading

Your presentation is worth 50 points. 20 points for structure (organization of slides and presentation, turned in on time, etc.), 25 points for accuracy of information, and 5 points for presentation style.

### PLP6262 Fungal Plant Pathogens

Spring 2024

	Course Schedule (Tentative)				
Date	Day	#	Торіс		
Jan 8	М	Lecture 1	Ways of Being: Plant-Fungal Interactions		
			<ul> <li>Mutualism-parasitism continuum</li> </ul>		
			Mycorrhizae		
			Epiphytes & Endophytes		
			Biotrophs, hemibiotrophs, and necrotrophs		
Jan 9	Т	Discussion 1 &	Course Overview		
		Syllabus	Syllabus, Schedule, Objectives, Assessments		
			Fungal Nomenclature and Plant Interactions		
			Discussion:		
			Taylor, J.W., 2011. One Fungus = One Name: DNA and fungal nomenclature		
			twenty years after PCR. IMA Fungus 2, 113–120.		
			https://doi.org/10.5598/imafungus.2011.02.02.01		
			de Beer, Z.W., M. Procter, M.J. Wingfield, S. Marincowitz, and T.A. Duong.		
			2022. Generic boundaries in the Ophiostomatales reconsidered and revised. Stud		
Jan 10	W	Lecture 2 &	Mycol. 101:57–120. doi: <u>10.3114/sim.2022.101.02</u> .		
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		more eynabae	Obligate vs. opportunistic pathogens		
			<ul> <li>Pathogenicity factors</li> </ul>		
			Syllabus: fungal Biology Presentations		
Jan 11	Th	Lab 01	Microscopy Basics		
Jan 12	F	Lecture 3	Croups of Europel Dethegone		
Jan 12	1	Leciule 5	Groups of Fungal Pathogens		
			Review of fungal orders & Stramenopiles		
			Taxonomic vs. functional groups		
Jan 15	M T	HOLIDAY	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday		
Jan 16	1	Lab 02	Microscopy Basics continued & Isolation and maintenance of		
		Discussion 2	fungal cultures demonstration		
			<ul> <li>Types and purposes of various fungal storage methods</li> </ul>		
			Elliott, M.L., 2005. Survival, growth and pathogenicity of <i>Gaeumannomyces</i>		
			graminis var. graminis with different methods of long-term storage. Mycologia 97, 901–907. https://doi.org/10.3852/mycologia.97.4.901		
Jan 17	W	Lecture 4	Stramenopiles: Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology		
Jan 18	Th	Lab 03	Stramenopile pathogens: the Oomycetes		
2010			Pythium vs. Phytophthora		
Jan 19	F	Lecture 5	Downy mildews     Chytrida: Tayanamy, Biology, and Ecology		
Jan 19			Chytrids: Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology		
			Chytrid pathogens & pathogen vectors		
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Jan 22	M	Lecture 6	Mucoromycota: Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology		
Jan 23	Т	Lab 04	Chytrid & Mucormycota pathogens		
			<ul> <li>Chytrids in natural, agricultural, and landscape settings</li> </ul>		
			<ul> <li>Mucormycetes: field and postharvest rotters</li> </ul>		
Jan 24	W	Review	Exam Review		
Jan 25	Th	Exam	Exam I		

Jan 26	F	Lecture 7	Ascomycota: Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology
Jan 29	М	Lecture 7 cont.	Ascomycota: Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology continued
Jan 30	Т	Lab 05	Ascomycota pathogens
			Structures & Functions
			Recognizing an Ascomycete
Jan 31	W	Lecture 8	Basidiomycota: Taxonomy, Biology, and Ecology
Feb 1	Th	Lab 06	Ascomycete pathogens, cont.
			Sexual and asexual ascomycetes
			Conidial structures and identification
Feb 2	F	Lecture 9	Fungal Disease Cycles and Epidemiology
			Disease progress curves
			Polycyclic vs. Monocyclic diseases
			Inoculum density and inoculum potential
Feb 5	М	Lecture 10	Fungi in the Air: Airborne pathogens and Foliar diseases
Feb 6	Т	Lab 07	Basidiomycete pathogens
			Structures & functions
			Recognizing a Basidiomycete
Feb 7	W	Lecture 11	Soilborne Fungal Pathogens
Feb 8	Th	Presentations	Work on oral presentations
Feb 9	F	Lecture 12	Fungal Pathogens in Row Crops vs. Perennial Crops
Feb 12	М	Review	Exam Review
Feb 13	Т	Exam	Exam II
Feb 14	W	Lecture 13	Diseases in Perennial Crops
Feb 15	Th	Presentations	Presentations 1-5
Feb 16	F	Lecture 14	Forest Pathology & Pathogen Ecology
Feb 29	М	Lecture 15	Diseases in Ornamental Plants
Feb 20	Т	Presentations	Presentations 6-10
Feb 21	W	Lecture 16	Control of Fungal Diseases
			Whetzel's principles of plant disease control
			Cultural controls
Feb 22	Th	Presentations	Presentations 11-14
Feb 23	F	Lecture 17	Chemical Control of Fungal Diseases
			Classes of chemicals and their modes of action
			Chemical Resistance
Feb 26	М	Review	Exam Review
Feb 28	W	Exam	Exam III

#### Reading List for PLP6905 (6262) (tentative, subject to change)

#### \*these papers marked with an '\*' are required reading and will be discussed during lab periods as indicated on the schedule

#### Lecture #

#### Reading

01 Bidartondo, Dawn of symbiosis between plants and fungi.pdf 01 Johnson, Functioning of mycorrhizal associations along the mutualism-parasitism continuum.pdf 01\* Wingfield 2012 One fungus progressive plant path.pdf 01 Kuo, Secret lifestyles of Neurospora crassa.pdf 01\* Taylor Fungal systematics a new age.pdf 01\* De Beer et al. - 2022 - Generic boundaries in the Ophiostomatales reconsid.pdf 02 DeZwaan, Magnaporthe grisea pth11p.pdf 02 Jaroszuk-Scisel, Activities of CWDE.pdf 02 Thomma, Alternaria saprophyte to parasite.pdf 02 Schafer, One enzyme makes a fungal pathogen.pdf 03 Rossman, Systematics of Plant Pathogenic Fungi.pdf 03 Hawksworth, The Amsterdam Declaration on Fungal Nomenclature.pdf 03 Crous, Identifying and Naming Plant-Pathogenic Fungi Past, Present, and Future.pdf 03\* Elliott, Methods of long-term storage.pdf 04 Beakes, Evolutionary phylogeny of oomycetes.pdf 04 Ivors, Microsatellite markers identify lineages of P. ramorum.pdf 04 Kroon, Genus Phytophthora Anno 2012.pdf 04 Nelson, Rhizosphere regulation of oomycete pathogens.pdf 04 vanWest, Oomycete Plant Pathogens use Electric Fields.pdf 05 Hwang, Plasmodiophora brassicae review.pdf 05 Kanyuka, Polymyxa graminis.pdf 05 Fry, Transmission of TNV by Olpidium.pdf 06 Hanson, Interaction of Rhizoctonia & Rhizopus.pdf 06 Holmes, Influence of wound type on Rhizopus soft rot.pdf 06 Partida-Martinez, Pathogenic fungus harbours endosymbiotic bacteria.pdf 06 Spatafora, Phylogenetic classification of zygomycete.pdf 07 Schoch, Ascomycota tree of life.pdf 08 Binder and Hibbett, Boletales.pdf 08 Lutz&Baur, Double Life of a Fungus.pdf 09 Scott, Spatiotemporal analysis of epiphytotics of downy mildew.pdf 09 Beltran, Epidemiology of Monosporascus root rot.pdf 09 Montes-Borrego, Role of oospores as primary inoculum.pdf 10 Noblin, Surface tension propulsion of fungal spores.pdf 10 Paul, Rain splash dispersal of Gibberella.pdf 10 Stolze-Rybczynski, Adaptation of spore discharge in basidiomycota.pdf 10 Trail. Fungal cannons- explosive spore discharge in ascomycota.pdf 11 Allen&Newhook, Chemotaxis of zoospores to ethanol in capillaries.pdf 11 Dobbs&Gash, Microbial and Residual Mycostasis.pdf 11 Duniway, Movement of Zoospores of Phytophthora in soils.pdf 11 Garcia-Garza, Fusox spore movement through soil.pdf 11 MacDonald&Duniway, Influence of soil texture and temp on motility of Phytophthora.pdf 11 Subbarao, Effects of Deep Plowing on Scleroninia minor.pdf 14 Newhouse et al. - 2014 - Transgenic American chestnuts show enhanced blight.pdf 14 Multigene phylogeny of filamentous ambrosia fungi associated with ambrosia and bark beet.pdf

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