SYLLABUS
PLP 6932 Seminar

Instructor:
Instructor is by rotation of Departmental Graduate Faculty

Course Time/ Location:
Every fall and spring semester
Seminar is scheduled at Tuesdays from 4:05 – 4:55 pm (period 9)
Blueberry Building – Room 154
Seminar can also be taken by off-campus students, as all seminars are available live via ZOOM.

Course Description:
PLP6932 is a weekly series of presentations by plant pathologists and those working with plant pathogens. Refreshments are served by a graduate student approximately 15 minutes before the start of seminar.

The responsible faculty will arrange for speakers for each seminar period, beginning with the second Tuesday of the semester. The first Tuesday of the semester will be used as an organizational meeting in which the responsible faculty, and students will assemble to review the objectives of the course, review what is expected of students in the course, and organize the students as to which speaker they will present and when each will bring refreshments. (Students should save receipts of food purchases and turn them into the front office for reimbursement).

Course Objectives:
The objectives of PLP 6932 are to:

- Provide a means to update faculty and students on currents topics in or related to Plant Pathology
- Provide an opportunity for faculty and students to become better acquainted with other plant pathologists and to showcase our department to the community of plant pathologists
- Provide a venue for graduating students to present their thesis/dissertation to the department
- Provide an opportunity for students to improve their oral communication skills

Grading:
Seminar is a Pass/Fail course for one graduate credit. Requirements for a passing grade:

- Miss no more than two seminars (attendance requires completion of form for the seminar attended).
- Assist in the introduction of at least one speaker (failure to appear or designate a replacement in the cases of emergency or illness constitutes automatic failure).

Seminar refreshment duty is expected; failure to participate will count as an absence.
To receive credit for attending seminar, students must complete a critique form. The first half evaluates the speaker, the second half evaluates the student who introduced the speaker. These evaluations will be collected by the responsible faculty after each seminar. The second half of the evaluation will be separated and returned to the student who presented the speaker for feedback on the quality of his/her introduction.

Sample Critique Form:

| Student Name: ________________________________ | Date: ______________________ |
| Speaker Name: _______________________________ | Seminar Title:               |
| One thing that the speaker did notably well: |
| One aspect of the presentation that could be improved: |

Quality of graphics (scale, clarity, font size, information on slide):

1  2  3  4  5

Speaker was introduced by ________________________________.
Rating of introduction:

1  2  3  4  5
Comments on Introduction:
The following statements are included at the request of the College of Agriculture:

Students requesting classroom accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodations.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University." We agree to comply with the new Honor Code, which specifies that "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."

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