Office Hours
Variable, email to set up appointment

Topics

Botany Basics
Flower Types
Asexual vs. Sexual reproduction
Pollination requirements
  Cross pollinated
  Self pollinated

Genetics
Gene Structure
Plant genomes
Mendelian Inheritance
Single gene vs. polygenic traits

Germplasm
Species Origins
Germplasm evaluation

Breeding cross pollinated crops
Breeding self-pollinated crops
Interspecific Hybridization

Breeding Strategy
Special Techniques
  Mutation
  Ploidy manipulations
  Transformation
  Molecular Markers

Intellectual Property

Grading

Exam 1 (100 points)
Exam 2 (100 points)
  Make up exam will be given provided the student had previously notified the professor of a research or professional engagement.

Project (150 points)
Oral Presentation (50 points)

Project: Breeding Proposal

Select a Perennial Crop for which you will develop a breeding program.
The crop should not be the subject of your current graduate research.
The written report should cover the following areas:
Species origins and economic importance
botany and taxonomy
Genetics: chromosome #, ploidy, known mendelian traits, quantitative traits etc.
Important traits desired in improved varieties: stress, fruit quality, ideotype.
Technology available: Transformation, genomics, polyploidy
The breeding proposal must:
  Describe what traits would be targeted and why.
What methods would be used to generate and screen progeny

Class Attendance
Student should notify professor as to missing class due to attending professional or research conferences.

Source Texts


Methods in Fruit Breeding. JN. Moore and J. Janick (Eds) 1983. Purdue University Press.


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1 University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 392-1575; student mental health, personal and career counseling: [https://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](https://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)

2 Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, personal counseling: [http://www.shcc.ufl.edu/](http://www.shcc.ufl.edu/)

3 Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS), Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, sexual assault counseling; and

4 Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career development Assistance and counseling.

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