Plant Science 2220 – Floral Design I

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Course Objectives: To introduce you to the art and science of floral design, including the exploration of flower production methods, harvesting and shipping procedures, commodity distribution, and proper handling of cut flowers once they reach the local vendor. You will also learn how to properly place fresh flowers into simple arrangements based on the elements and principles of design.

Course Format: Each class period will consist of a formal lecture followed by a hands-on laboratory. During the laboratory portion of the course you will work independently constructing floral arrangements. Every design will be critiqued by one of the instructors and you will receive feedback on your design. Attendance is required; there are NO makeups.

Text Book: Florists’ Review: Design School

Course Materials: All lab materials and supplies are provided during each lab. All floral arrangements you create are yours to take home. The course materials fee is $150. The course text book costs $12.99. Payment for the course fee and text book is made at Tiger Garden (2-34 Agriculture Building). Payment must be made prior to the second day of class.

Course Management Software: Blackboard (http://courses.missouri.edu/) will be utilized in this course. All campus computer labs provide access to Blackboard. It is your responsibility to learn how to use Blackboard. If electronic documents are requested, you are responsible for successfully submitting the electronic materials on time. Electronic documents must be submitted as Word files; other file formats are not readable by the course instructors and you will receive zero credit if the incorrect file format is submitted.
Course Components:

5 in-class quizzes .............................................................. 250 points
Homework assignments .................................................... 50 points
11 Design Critiques .......................................................... 440 points
Practical Experience ........................................................... 75 points
14 Attendances ................................................................. 140 points
Final Team Project ............................................................. 35 points

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Total Points Possible ....................................................... 990 points

Attendance: Due to the nature of the materials being used, 100% attendance is expected. Each class period you will be working with fresh materials and there is no way to hold these materials until the work can be made up later. In addition, skills learned in each lab are required for the next design lab. No make-ups will be given for any reason!

An optional 100 point final exam will be offered during the normally scheduled final exam slot for this course. The final will be divided into two components- a written exam and vase recycling

The written portion will be a comprehensive and worth 75 points. The vase recycling is worth 5 points per container used throughout the course (limit 5). Acceptable containers for recycling are listed below. All recycled containers must be clean and free of scratches, chips, or cracks. Acceptable containers for recycling are -
Triple Rose Vase; 8” Sweetheart Rose Vase; 6” Green Design Bowl;
6” Clear/Black Dish; Oval Design Dish

Grading Scale:

98%+ = A+
93-97% = A
90-92% = A-
88-89% = B+
83-87% = B
80-82% = B-
78-79% = C+
73-77% = C
70-72% = C-
68-69% = D+
63-67% = D
60-62% = D-
< 60% = F (failure)
**ADA SPECIAL NEEDS:** If you need accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me immediately. Please see me privately after class, or at my office, 1-49 Ag Building.

To request academic accommodations (for example, a notetaker), students must also register with the Office of Disability Services, (http://disabilityservices.missouri.edu/), S5 Memorial Union, 882-4696. It is the campus office responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting academic accommodations, and for accommodations planning in cooperation with students and instructors, as needed and consistent with course requirements. For other MU resources for students with disabilities, click on "Disability Resources" on the MU homepage.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** Academic integrity is fundamental to the activities and principles of a university. All members of the academic community must be confident that each person's work has been responsibly and honorably acquired, developed, and presented. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. The academic community regards breaches of the academic integrity rules as extremely serious matters. Sanctions for such a breach may include academic sanctions from the instructor, including failing the course for any violation, to disciplinary sanctions ranging from probation to expulsion. When in doubt about plagiarism, paraphrasing, quoting, collaboration, or any other form of cheating, consult the course instructor.

**INTELLECTUAL PLURALISM:** The University community welcomes intellectual diversity and respects student rights. Students who have questions concerning the quality of instruction in this class may address concerns to either the Divisional Director of the Office of Students Rights and Responsibilities (http://osrr.missouri.edu/). All students will have the opportunity to submit an anonymous evaluation of the instructor(s) at the end of the course.