

**HORT 313 Turfgrass Management
Syllabus
Fall 2020**

Instructor: Dr. Dan Strunk
Office: EST 241
Telephone: 745-5965
e-mail: William.Strunk@wku.edu
Office Hours: By appointment.
Class Hours: 09:10-10:05 MWF
Room: Virtual via zoom

Course Objectives:

A study of turfgrass, including adaption, identification, uses and fundamental principles essential for establishing and maintaining quality turf in lawns and recreation areas.

Required Text:

None

Attendance:

Attendance is not mandatory. However, attendance is **strongly encouraged**. This is a synchronous online course that requires attending classes via zoom. Success in this course is dependent on you participating in lectures as important concepts will be covered, and assessments are made directly from lecture material. Zoom lectures will be recorded and posted to Blackboard for review.

Make-up Exams:

Make-up exams will not be given. You will have a week in which the exam can be completed at your convenience. If you do not complete the exam during the week it is available, you will receive a zero for that exam. The final exam is comprehensive. Information tested on the final is split equally among the four regular-hour exams.

Make-up Quizzes:

Make-up quizzes will not be given for any circumstance. A total of 10 quizzes will be given. The five highest point quizzes will be doubled and used to figure the final grade.

Student Assistance:

In compliance with university policy, students with disabilities who require accommodations (academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids or services) for this course must contact the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) of the Downing Student Union, room 1074 or by phone 270-745-5004.

Please **do not** request accommodations directly from the professor or instructor without a letter of accommodation from the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC).

Zoom Etiquette:

Students are expected to be professional at all times. Please be sure to mute your audio unless you want to ask a question. Students will be removed from Zoom if they are consistently disruptive. Excessive disruptions could lead to losing **the privilege to obtain extra credit points. The student's final grade will be reduced by a letter grade for further infractions.**

Cheating/Plagiarism:

According to the student handbook: student who commit any act of academic dishonesty **will** receive from the instructor a **failing grade** in that portion of the course work in which the act is detected or a **failing grade** in the course without possibility of withdrawal. Student committing such acts in this class **will receive a failing grade for the course.**

Ogden Student Course Attendance Statement

The faculty and staff of Ogden College of Science and Engineering are committed to providing you with learning experiences and opportunities. You must assume ownership of your education and be an active participant in the classroom and laboratory to take advantage of these opportunities. **Active participation requires you to attend.** Scientific studies have shown that attendance during scheduled classroom and laboratory meetings is directly correlated to your performance on assignments and exams and the potential to earn higher grades. Additionally, if you do not regularly attend class, you are missing important information about course topics, due dates, and assignment details that are crucial to your success in the course. Therefore, as a student enrolled in an Ogden course, you are expected to attend every class meeting and to inform your instructor regarding the reasons for any absences as soon as practical. **Your instructor may incorporate class attendance/participation as part of the grading criteria.**

WKU Covid-19 Mask Statement

Out of respect for the health and safety of the WKU community and in adherence with the CDC guidelines, the University requires that a cloth face covering (reusable or disposable) that covers both the nose and mouth must be worn at all times when in public areas within all buildings. Students must properly wear masks face coverings while in class regardless of the room size or the nature of the classroom activities. Students who fail to wear a face covering mask as required will be in violation of the WKU Student Code of Conduct and will be asked to comply or will face disciplinary action, including possible dismissal from the University. Accommodations to masks face coverings must be determined by the Student Accessibility Resource Center and documented before a student may attend class.

Title IX:

Western Kentucky University (WKU) is committed to supporting faculty, staff and students by upholding WKU’s Title IX Sexual Misconduct/Assault Policy (#0.2070) at: [WKU Title IX Policy and Grievance Procedure](#) and Discrimination and Harassment Policy (#0.2040) at [WKU Discrimination and Harassment Policy](#)

Under these policies, discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct based on sex/gender are prohibited. If you experience an incident of sex/gender-based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator, Andrea Anderson, 270-745-5398 or Title IX Investigators, Michael Crowe, 270-745-5429 or Joshua Hayes, 270-745-5121.

Please note that while you may report an incident of sex/gender based discrimination, harassment and/or sexual misconduct to a faculty member, **WKU faculty are “Responsible Employees” of the University and MUST report what you share to WKU’s Title IX Coordinator or Title IX Investigator. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you confidentiality, you may contact WKU’s Counseling and Testing Center at 270-745-3159.**

Grading:

There will be a total of 650 possible points. Both exam and final course grades may be adjusted to reflect the average performance of the class at the discretion of the instructor.

	Points
4 Exams	400
10 Quizzes	100
Final Exam	150
Total	650

Additional extra credit point opportunities will be given at the discretion of the instructor. All students will have the opportunity to earn these points.

Final Exam:

The final exam will be given **the week of December 7th.**

Final Grades:

Final Grades will be assigned based upon the following scale:

Points	Letter Grade
585+	A
520-584	B
455-519	C
390-454	D
389-	F

