

TROPICAL AND SUBTROPICAL FRUIT

FRC 3252 - 2 Credits

Tuesdays & Thursdays, Period 2, 8:30-9:20

Fall 2014

Course Description and Requirements

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Textbook: “Tropical Fruits” by H. Y. Nakasone and R. E. Paull
On reserve in the Marston Science Library

Description: This introductory and survey course is intended for students with no background in tropical or subtropical fruits. The objective of the course is to provide basic information on several of the most important tropical and subtropical fruit crops from a worldwide and Florida perspective. Information will be provided on the origin, botany, cultivars, uses, and distribution of these important fruits. Some information will also be provided on cultural practices, diseases, pests, and postharvest handling.

Grading and Attendance Policies: The final grade will be determined from 3 in-class exams each worth 100 points (300 points total). There will also be 3 unannounced, in-class quizzes. In addition, each student is asked to give a 10-minute oral presentation on a tropical or subtropical crop not covered in class. A sign-up sheet will be passed around early in the semester. The quizzes and presentation will be factored into the final grade as extra credit. Class attendance and participation will also affect the final grade.

Final grades will be based on the performance of each student relative to the following standard percentages:

100-93	A
92-90	A-
89-87	B+
86-83	B
82-80	B-
79-77	C+
76-73	C
72-70	C-
69-67	D+
66-63	D
62-60	D-
59-00	E

The final grades will be determined as in the following example:

	<u>Possible</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Exams (3)	300	280
Total	300	$280/300 = 93.3 = A$

Academic Honesty, Software Use, Services for Students with Disabilities, UF Counseling Services:

The University of Florida requires all members of its community to be honest in all endeavors. Cheating, plagiarism, and other acts diminish the process of learning. When students enroll at UF they commit themselves to honesty and integrity. Your instructor fully expects you to adhere to the academic honesty guidelines you signed when you were admitted to UF.

As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement:

“I understand the University of Florida expects it 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.” Furthermore, on work submitted for credit by UF students, the following pledge is either required or implied: *“On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”*

It is to be assumed all work will be completed independently unless the assignment is defined as group project, in writing by the professor.

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 crisis or personal problems that interfere with their general wellbeing are encouraged to utilize the university’s counseling resources. Both the Counseling Center and Student Mental Health provide confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal or lacking clear career and academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance. The Counseling & Wellness Center is located at 3190 Radio Road. The Student Mental Health and the Counseling Centers have consolidated into a single comprehensive center to better serve the needs of the

University of Florida students and campus community.

1. 1 University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 392-1575; student mental health, personal and career counseling:

<https://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/>

2. 2 Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, personal counseling:

<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.

Students with Disabilities Act:

The Dean of Students Office coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes the registration of disabilities, academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services, and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. *Dean of Students Office*, 202 Peabody Hall, 392-7066 www.dso.ufl.edu.

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Week No.	Date	Topic	Additional Reading (On Reserve)
1	Aug. 26	Introduction	Handout
	Aug. 28	World Production, Climate & Soils	Chap. 1, p. 1-16
2	Sept. 2	Cultural Practices	
	Sept. 4	Banana & Plantain	Chap. 5, p. 103-131
3	Sept. 9	Banana & Plantain	
	Sept. 11	Mango	Chap. 9, p. 208-238
4	Sept. 16	Mango	
	Sept. 18	Presentations	
5	Sept. 23	Presentations	
	Sept. 25	Exam 1	Weeks 1-5
6	Sept. 30	Coconut Palm	
	Oct. 2	Date Palm	
7	Oct. 7	Papaya	
	Oct. 9	Pineapple	Chap. 12, p. 292-327
8	Oct. 14	Citrus (Emily Becks)	Chap. 10, p. 239-269
	Oct. 16	Peach (Daniel Mancero)	
9	Oct. 21	Coffee, Cacao	
	Oct. 23	Presentations	
10	Oct. 28	Presentations	
	Oct. 30	Exam 2	Weeks 6-10
11	Nov. 4	Litchee, Longan	Chap. 8, p. 173-207
	Nov. 6	Annonas	Chap. 3, p. 45-75
12	Nov. 11	Holiday	

	Nov. 13	Annonas	Chap. 4, p. 76-102
13	Nov. 18	Avocado	
	Nov. 20	Avocado	
14	Nov. 25	Class cancelled	
	Nov. 27	Thanksgiving	
15	Dec. 2	Presentations	
	Dec 4	Presentations	Weeks 11-16
16	Dec. 9	Exam 3	
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