

PLANTS AND PEOPLE
BIOLOGY 215 FALL 2015
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Coursepack: BIOL 215 Course pack (from Ned's Bookstore, Cross Street, next to campus)
[REQUIRED]

Textbook: *Hungry Planet: What the World Eats*, Peter Menzel & Faith D'Aluisio (available in Halle Library on 2-hour reserve or you can purchase this book online at Amazon)

DVD: *Botany of Desire*, with Michael Pollan (available on the BIO 215 Canvas site)

Biology 215 Plants and People is a General Education Global Awareness course and satisfies the university requirement for a Gen Ed Global Awareness course.

Course objective: I hope you will gain an appreciation for the uses of plants in your own lives as well as the lives of others around the world in the present and past. We will look at a variety of plants we use every day for food, drink, clothing, medicines, and drugs, and explore historical and current uses of these plants. I want to emphasize how our individual and planetary well-being is dependent on our sensible use and conservation of wild and cultivated plants from around the world.

Class attendance: You are expected to attend class lectures and demonstrations. I will take note of class absences. Anyone with perfect attendance at the end of the term will receive +5 bonus points. Let me know early in the term if you have any specific days you know you won't be able to come to class. Outlines and content handouts for lectures are in your BIO 215 course pack. Copies of class Power Point shows are also in your BIOL 215 course pack. You are responsible for getting notes from your classmates if you miss class. I will not do make up lectures for students who miss class.

Class assignments: All assignments are due in class on the dates posted in our class schedule. *Please type all your paper assignments.* Late assignments will have 5% of the assignment point value deducted for *each calendar day* the assignment is late. Points for each class assignment are presented in our class schedule. .

Exams: There are two 115-point exams. There are **no make-up exams** if you miss an exam day, so please make sure you attend both exams. If you know in advance that you cannot be present for an exam, you can arrange with me to take the exam early, but you are not allowed to take an exam after the scheduled exam day. If you don't show up for an exam, this will result in a score of "0" on that exam. There is no cumulative exam at the end of the term if you miss an exam.

Food in class: We will be having various food tastings and exposure to fragrances in class, so please let me know if you have any specific food allergies or volatile fragrance allergies. If you want to have drinks or food of your own in class, be careful with drinks in our room and be considerate of others. Please clean up your desk area after class. Please place all your daily class dishes, cups, and plastic ware in the white tub in the sink after class.

Cell phones and computers in class: Cell phones ringing during class time are *really disruptive and annoying* to all present. Please be considerate of your classmates and your instructor and turn off your cell-phone before class. If you anticipate a particular call, please step outside our classroom to take your call. **Texting during class time is also very disruptive** to those sitting near you, so please, **NO TEXTING during class.** You are welcome to take notes on a tablet or laptop, but please, no computer surfing during class as it is very distracting and disruptive to students sitting near you.

Chatting during class time: National studies have shown that the Number One complaint that students report is enduring other students' personal chatting during class time. Please respect your fellow students and instructor and please do not talk during lectures or team presentations.

Total points for class are 485 points.

Point values for letter grades are listed below:

A (94% - 100%)	C (72% - 77.9%)
A- (90% - 93.9%)	C- (70% - 71.9%)
B+ (88% - 89.9%)	D+ (68% - 69.9%)
B (82% - 87.9%)	D (62% - 67.9%)
B- (80% - 81.9%)	D- (60% - 61.9%)
C+ (78% - 79.9%)	E (less than 60%)

COURTESY and CLASSROOM CONDUCT: Students are expected to abide by the Student Conduct Code and assist in creating an environment that is conducive to learning. Incivility and disruptive behavior of any nature will not be tolerated and may result in a request for you to leave class as well as the involvement of the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards. Examples of inappropriate classroom conduct include repeatedly arriving late to class, chatting or texting on a cellular telephone or other electronic device, talking while others are speaking, or any disruptive behavior. A more complete explanation can be found by accessing the EMU Student Code of Conduct online at <http://www.emich.edu/studentconduct/conductcode.php>.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Academic dishonesty, including all forms of cheating, falsification, and/or plagiarism, will not be tolerated in this course. Penalties for an act of academic dishonesty may range from receiving a failing grade for a particular assignment to receiving a failing grade for the entire course. In addition, you may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<http://www.emich.edu/studentconduct/>) for discipline that can result in either a suspension or permanent dismissal. You may access the EMU Student Code of Conduct online at <http://www.emich.edu/studentconduct/conductcode.php> for details of what is and is not permissible.

EMAIL PROTOCOL: The official email address for communication between students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Michigan University is through **my.emich.edu** accounts; it is your responsibility to check your account regularly. When you send an email to your professor, please write it in a professional manner.

COURSE ACCESSIBILITY and DISABILITY STATEMENT

It is my goal that this class be an accessible and welcoming experience for all students, including those with disabilities that may impact their learning in this class. If anyone believes they may have trouble participating or effectively demonstrating learning in this course, please meet with me (with or without a Disability Resource Center (DRC) accommodation letter) to discuss reasonable options or adjustments. During our discussion, I may suggest the possibility/necessity of your contacting the DRC (240 Student Center; drc@emich.edu, 734-487-2470; <http://www.emich.edu/drc/>) to talk about academic accommodations. You are welcome to talk to me at any point in the semester about such issues, but it is always best if we can talk *at least one week prior to the need for any modifications*.

COMMUNICATING GRADES: FERPA (the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act) does not permit faculty to discuss grades with anyone but you and anyone within EMU to whom written permission has been granted (ECA, Holman Learning Center, EMU Athletics, etc.).

F and J VISA STUDENTS: The Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) requires F and J students to report the following to the Office of International Students, 244 Student Center within ten (10) days of the event:

- Changes in your name, local address, major field of study, or source of funding;
- Changes in your degree-completion date;
- Changes in your degree-level (e.g., Bachelors to Masters)
- Intent to transfer to another school

Prior permission from OIS is needed for the following:

- Dropping all courses as well as carrying or dropping below minimum credit hours;
- Employment on or off campus
- Registering for more than one online course per term (F visa only)
- Endorsing I-20 or DS-2019 for re-entry into the USA

Failure to report may result in the termination of your SEVIS record and even arrest and deportation. If you have questions or concerns, contact the Office of International Students at 734.487.3116 or online at <http://www.emich.edu/ois/> , not the course instructor.