Introduction to Floral Design – PLS 303  
Syllabus Fall 2018

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Class location: Plant Science Center  
Class time: Wednesday 6:00 pm – 7:50 pm  
Wednesday 8:00 pm – 9:50 pm

Course Description (as per catalog)  
Course Content:  
Principles and elements of design using fresh cut florals, foliage, and materials, including line, form, color and texture in floral arranging to illustrate various floral art designs.

Class Format:  
The class format will vary from traditional lecture, group discussions, video presentations, group work and many hands on lab activities.

Student Learning Outcomes:  
Understand the principles and elements of design used in floral designing  
Illustrate design principles and elements thru hands-on design labs  
Understand and appreciate the history of floral designing  
Identify commonly used fresh cut flowers and foliage used in floral design  
Critique designs based on the integration of elements and eye appeal

Course Information:  
Text: (Not Required)  
The Art of Floral Design (3rd Edition)  
Norah T. Hunter  

Course Grades and Grading Procedure:  
This course will utilize standard grading scale. The instructor reserves the right to curve individual exam of course grades upward if the class performance warrants such action. In no case will the curving of grades result in a lower than earned grade. Do not plan or count on grades being curved, so put your best effort into your work, labs and assignments.

Final Exam:  
The final exam will cumulative over the entire semester and will be administered in the plant science classroom on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 6:00 pm.
Grading Policy:

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Grading Scale:
Grades are based upon 700 points total from lecture and lab. Exams will cover material discussed in class, reading assignments, video presentations, and lab activities.

**The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus during the semester, if needed. The instructor also reserves the right to extend extra credit for alternative assignments, projects, or presentations.**

Electronic Devices:
No electronic devices may be used during any lectures, exams, quizzes, or laboratory quizzes unless specifically requested by student services on the student’s behalf approved by the instructor.

Exams:
Materials and information covered in class, video presentations, discussions, and labs

Quizzes:
Identification of tools, materials, techniques, flowers and foliage used in Floral Design

Lab Design Projects:
Will include all completed design projects submitted at the end of each lab with a worksheet to be checked off by instructor.

Semester Floral Design Portfolio:
Due December 5th
To include all design specifics included on portfolio project handout.

Lab Cumulative Final:
Will be held on December 5th
Students will plan, prepare and design a random design without assistance or notes.

Student Participation:
Grade will consist of attendance, participation in class discussions and other class and lab projects and activities.
# Course Topics for Lecture and Lab (Tentative Schedule)

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## Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory for PLS 303. There will be hands-on activities with fresh flowers almost every time we meet. The lab activities will not be able to be made up if missed, because I cannot guarantee fresh flowers outside of class time. You should always contact instructor ahead of time if you will miss lecture or lab that day. In the case of an excused absence, an alternative assignment or make-up will be discussed. Also, attendance is also incorporated into your participation points. If you are not in class you cannot participate.

## Professionalism:

Students are expected to attend class and/or laboratory as scheduled. Their participation in class discussion and instructional activities should follow the basic principles of common courtesy and decency. Rude and disruptive behavior, as well as cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated. The use of tobacco, e-cigs, or vapor products in the classroom, laboratory, or field trip sites is prohibited. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with instructor’s guidelines may result in suspension from class for the remainder of the day’s instruction. Repeat offenses may result in additional consequences.

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Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Gee Library Room 132  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835 Fax (903) 468-8148  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

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