Course Registration
Registration is departmentally controlled.
Request registration with Amanda Touchton (amandatouchton@ufl.edu)

Course Description and Learning Objectives
This discussion-based class will provide students with the opportunity to lead discussion, exchange ideas with others, and explore student-selected topics within the broad and exciting fields of hormone signaling, hormone crosstalk, and hormone function in plant growth, development, and stress response.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
1. Explain current advances in the fields of phytohormone signaling, crosstalk, and function.
2. Evaluate journal articles
3. Lead class discussions and develop discourse with those in differing fields of research

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Meeting time and place
This class will be offered online (Zoom) on Tuesdays, Period 9, 4:05-4:55pm.

Model of Delivery
This course will be delivered synchronously online via Zoom videoconferencing. The Zoom meeting identification and password will be available through the course Canvas site at https://elearning.ufl.edu/.

Textbooks/Materials/Supplies Fees:
None

Weekly Topics and Assignments
Each week, one to three students will select an article from a predetermined list for the class to read and discuss. Discussion Leader(s) will be expected to send out their article of choice a week before the discussion date. Discussions are expected to go over the chosen article and be verbal or conversation-like rather than presentation-like; use of images or slides should be used as tools to increase the understanding of concepts/methods during discussions. Topics will vary from...
student to student, but we will focus on hormone signaling, hormone crosstalk, and hormone function (both mechanism and purpose) in plant growth, development, and stress response.

**Student Evaluations**
Grades will be assigned based on quality of presentations (50%), attendance and active participation in discussions (50%). Information on current UF grading policies can be found at: [https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx)

**Grades and Grade Points**
For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see [https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/](https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/).

**Attendance and Make-Up Work**
“Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: [https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx](https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx)”

**Online Course Evaluation Process**
Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at: [https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/](https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via [https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/](https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/). Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at: [https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/](https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/).

**Academic Honesty**
As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.” You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, 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 assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student
Honor Code, please see: http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

**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.

**Services for Students with Disabilities**
The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation 0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, https://disability.ufl.edu/

**Campus Helping Resources**
Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general wellbeing are encouraged to utilize the university’s counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- **U Matter, We Care:**
  If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

- **Counseling and Wellness Center:** http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc, and 392-1575; and

- **University Police Department:** 392-1111 (or 911 for emergencies).

**Academic Resources**

- **E-learning technical support**, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu. https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml.


- **Library Support**, http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

- **Teaching Center**, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring. https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/

• **Student Complaints On-Campus:** Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information. [https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-%20code-student-conduct-code/](https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-%20code-student-conduct-code/)

• **On-Line Students Complaints:** View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process. [https://distance.ufl.edu/getting-help/student-complaint-process/](https://distance.ufl.edu/getting-help/student-complaint-process/)