Plant Pathology (PLPA)

Courses

PLPA 3001L. Principles of Plant Pathology Laboratory. 1 Hour.
Lab course in examination of the causes and symptoms of plant disease and the genetics of plant disease. Physiology, and ecology of host-pathogen interactions. Spread of disease and principles of disease control. Pre- or Corequisite: PLPA 3003 or BIOL 3003. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 3001L.

PLPA 3003. Principles of Plant Pathology. 3 Hours.
Examination of the causes and symptoms of plant disease and the genetics of plant disease. Physiology, and ecology of host-pathogen interactions. Spread of disease and principles of disease control. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 3003.

PLPA 400V. Research. 1-6 Hour.
Original investigations of assigned problems in plant pathology. Prerequisite: PLPA 3004. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

PLPA 4123. Bacterial Lifestyles. 3 Hours.
The course will introduce students to bacteria as prokaryotic organisms, different from eukaryotes such as plants and animals. Model microbial systems will be studied in more detail to identify unique strategies that bacteria employ to thrive in their respective environment, whether they are causing diseases or establishing beneficial interactions with animal or plants or coexisting with other microorganisms in diverse ecological environments. The course will also cover special adaptations that bacteria have evolved to adapt to harsh environments and how these adaptations can be harnessed to control pollution. Prerequisite: (BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L) or BIOL 3123. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 4223.

PLPA 4223. Plant Disease Control. 3 Hours.
Principles, methods and mechanics of plant disease control. Emphasis is given to the integration of control measures and epidemicology of plant diseases. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: PLPA 3003. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 4133.

PLPA 4333. Biotechnology in Agriculture. 3 Hours.
Discussion of the techniques, applications, and issues of biotechnology as it is being used in modern agriculture. Coverage includes the basics of molecular biology, production of transgenic plants and animals, and new applications in the agricultural, food, and medical marketplace. Lecture and discussion, 3 hours per week. (Typically offered: Fall)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 4333.

PLPA 462V. Internship. 1-6 Hour.
Supervised practical work experience in pest management to develop and demonstrate professional competence. A maximum of 6 hours credit per semester or summer session is permitted. Faculty approval of projects proposal prior to enrollment, and written or oral reports are required. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 9 hours of degree credit.

PLPA 5001. Seminar. 1 Hour.
Review of scientific literature and oral reports on current research in plant pathology. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring) May be repeated for up to 4 hours of degree credit.

PLPA 502V. Special Problems Research. 1-6 Hour.
Original investigations of assigned problems in plant pathology. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

PLPA 504V. Special Topics. 1-18 Hour.
Lecture topics of current interest not covered in other courses in plant pathology or other related areas. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 18 hours of degree credit.

PLPA 5123. Bacterial Lifestyles. 3 Hours.
The course will introduce students to bacteria as prokaryotic organisms, different from eukaryotes such as plants and animals. Model microbial systems will be studied in more detail to identify unique strategies that bacteria employ to thrive in their respective environment, whether they are causing diseases or establishing beneficial interactions with animal or plants or coexisting with other microorganisms in diverse ecological environments. The course will also cover special adaptations that bacteria have evolved to adapt to harsh environments and how these adaptations can be harnessed to control pollution. Prerequisite: (BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L) or BIOL 3123. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)
This course is cross-listed with BIOL 5223.

PLPA 5223. Plant Disease Control. 3 Hours.
Principles, methods and mechanics of plant disease control. Emphasis is given to the integration of control measures and epidemicology of plant diseases. Lecture 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PLPA 4223 and PLPA 5223. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLPA 5303. Advanced Plant Pathology: Host-Pathogen Interactions. 3 Hours.
Presentation of important contemporary concepts relative to disease resistance and the physiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology of plant-pathogen interactions. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: PLPA 3003 or equivalent and graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

PLPA 5313. Advanced Plant Pathology: Ecology and Epidemiology. 3 Hours.
Presentation of important contemporary concepts relative to the ecology and epidemicology of foliar and soil-borne plant pathogens. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: PLPA 3003 and graduate standing. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

PLPA 5333. Biotechnology in Agriculture. 3 Hours.
Discussion of the techniques, applications, and issues of biotechnology as it is being used in modern agriculture. Coverage includes the basics of molecular biology, production of transgenic plants and animals, and new applications in the agricultural, food, and medical marketplace. Lecture and discussion, 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both PLPA 4333 and PLPA 5333. (Typically offered: Fall)

PLPA 5404. Diseases of Economic Crops. 4 Hours.
Diagnosis and management of important diseases of cotton, fruits, rice, trees, soybeans, wheat, and vegetables will be covered in a lecture, laboratory, and field format. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 4 hours per week. Four 1-day field trips will be involved. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: PLPA 3003. (Typically offered: Summer)

PLPA 5603. Plant Pathogenic Fungi. 3 Hours.
Plant Pathogenic Fungi is structured as an integrated lecture/laboratory class designed for students that are interested in developing an understanding and appreciation for taxonomy, biology, and ecology of plant pathogenic fungi and related saprophytic fungi. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: PLPA 3003 or graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

PLPA 600V. Master’s Thesis. 1-6 Hour.
Master’s Thesis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.
PLPA 6203. Plant Virology. 3 Hours.
Lecture emphasizing discussion of recent advances in plant virology. Laboratory
concerned with techniques and equipment used in plant virus studies,
including transmission of viruses, characterization utilizing ultracentrifugation,
spectrophotometry, electrophoresis, electron microscopy, and serology. Lecture
2 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite:
CHEM 5813 or CHEM 5843 or CHEM 6873 or consent of instructor. (Typically
offered: Fall Even Years)