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OFFICE HOURS: An open door policy is maintained; however, appointments may be made if preferred.

TEXT: (required and provided) *A Manual for Flower Judging*, eighth edition, Pi Alpha Xi—National Honor Society for Floriculture, Landscape Horticulture, and Ornamental Horticulture

OBJECTIVES: —to recognize qualities that make a potted plant or bundle of cut flowers superior  
— to prepare for the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition

Whether you are preparing for a career in greenhouse/nursery production, floral design and marketing, agricultural education with horticultural emphasis, landscape design and construction, or agricultural communications with horticultural emphasis, Floricultural Crop Judging offers you the opportunity to learn and use production and marketing skills, to develop crop quality identification skills, and to make good friends.

FORMAT: Although the course is classified as “Independent Study,” we will meet for two hours per week on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:20 PM.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance in all scheduled class activities is expected. Absenteeism not only precludes your learning the material presented in this course, but also may result in your not gaining points and/or not going to the National Competition. A written excuse will be required from your advisor or physician for absences such as field trips, judging team events, or illness.

GRADING: No make-up judging events will be given. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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*This number may fluctuate based on unforeseen changes; however, your final grade will be based on your percent of total possible points.
**GRADING SCALE:**

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = below 60%

This grading scale is strictly observed; no curve will be made.

**ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Oklahoma State University is committed to the maintenance of the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct of its members. This level of ethical behavior and integrity will be maintained in this course. Participating in a behavior that violates academic integrity (e.g., unauthorized collaboration on homework or assignments, plagiarism, multiple submissions of the same assignment, cheating on examinations, fabricating information, helping another person cheat, having unauthorized advance access to examinations, altering or destroying the work of others, and fraudulently altering academic records) will result in your being sanctioned. Violations may subject you to disciplinary action including the following: receiving a failing grade on an assignment, examination or course, receiving a notation of a violation of academic integrity on your transcript, and being suspended from the University. You have the right to appeal the charge. Contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 101 Whitehurst, 405-744-5627, http://academicintegrity.okstate.edu/.

**MAKING THE TEAM:** In order for the OSU Floricultural Crop Judging and Design Team to excel, each class member must practice as if he/she is going to compete at the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition.

The competing “Judging Team” will consist of four members—three judges and one alternate. The competing “Design Team” will consist of four members, who may or may not be members of the “Judging Team.” The “Judging Team” and the “Design Team” will be selected by Dr. Needham based on judging and design ability, respectively. A student must have a graduation/retention undergraduate GPA ≥2.00 to go to the National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition.

Members of the OSU Floricultural Crop Judging and Design Team are expected to represent the highest moral standards and epitomize Oklahoma State University. No team member will participate in consumption of alcoholic beverages at any time during the National Competition trip.

OSU’s Poinsettia Sale provides major financial support for our participation in the National Competition. Travel, lodging, registration, and meal expenses are paid for the team and coach(es) from the funds raised at the poinsettia sale. Members of the OSU Floricultural Crop Judging and Design Team will incur no financial obligation for the trip.

A student may go to the National Competition as an alternate only once. Those class members who do not make the “Judging Team” are invited to continue their practice the following year, hopefully making that year’s judging team.

**AWARDS:** The Pi Alpha Xi National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Competition awards plaques and/or certificates for the following categories.
Individual Judging Cut Flowers: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Individual Judging Potted Plants: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Individual Judging Overall: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Team Judging: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Floral Design Division I Class 1: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Floral Design Division I Class 2: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Floral Design Division II Class 3: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Floral Design Division II Class 4: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place

Each OSU judge or designer who places in one or more of the above categories will receive per category placed the following award(s) from the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at the annual “Fall Scholarship and Award Ceremony.”

1st Place: $500
2nd Place: $250
3rd Place: $100

SAFETY: Throughout the semester each student may utilize chemicals for disinfection, propagation, production, post harvest handling, and/or marketing of horticultural commodities. It is each student’s responsibility to be aware of and practice appropriate safety procedures when contacting chemicals used in these instances or horticultural materials treated with such chemicals. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are publicly available at the OSU Teaching Greenhouses and 306 AG Hall for greenhouse and floral design chemicals, respectively. Appropriate protective equipment is provided at these locations for your use. MSDSs for all chemicals in the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture are available in 360 AG Hall.

Students are advised to become familiar with this information by taking OSU’s Hazardous Communications Training Module at http://www.pp.okstate.edu/ehs/training.htm

ACCESSIBILITY: According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, each student with a disability is responsible for notifying the University of his or her disability and to request accommodations. If any member of this class thinks that he/she has a qualified disability and needs special accommodations, he/she should notify the instructor and request verification of eligibility for accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services, 315 Student Union. Please advise the instructor of such disability as soon as possible, and contact Student Disability Services, to ensure timely implementation of appropriate accommodations. Faculty have an obligation to respond when they receive official notice of a disability but are under no obligation to provide retroactive accommodations.

COURSE SCHEDULE: See HORT 4990 OSU Online Classroom.

OSU SYLLABUS ATTACHMENT: http://osu.okstate.edu/acadaffr/aa/syllabusattachment-Spr.htm