BOT Courses

BOT 121. General Botany. 4 units
GE Area B2; GE Area B4
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
The anatomy, physiology, reproduction, and importance of plants. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Fulfills GE B2 & B4.

BOT 311. Plants, People and Civilization. 4 units
GE Area B5
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: One course from GE Area B2.
Human uses of plants for food, beverage, medicine, fiber, recreation, and rituals. Uses of plants by different cultures throughout the world and the social, economical, and environmental importance of plants in our lives. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Fulfills GE B5.

BOT 313. Taxonomy of Vascular Plants. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: BIO 114 or BIO 162 or BOT 121.
Introduction to classification and identification of vascular plants, emphasizing major plant families; field and herbarium techniques. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories.

BOT 323. Plant Pathology. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, SP
Prerequisite: BIO 162 or BOT 121.
Comprehensive study of the causes and effects of disease in plants. Designed to lead to an understanding of the science and modern control methods. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories. Crosslisted as AEPS/BOT 323.

BOT 326. Plant Ecology. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: BIO 114, BIO 162, BIO 211, or BOT 121. Recommended: BIO 263 and STAT 217 or STAT 218.
Plant communities, population dynamics, and effects of the following environmental factors on plant growth and development: soil, water, temperature, light, atmosphere, topography, organisms, and fire. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

BOT 329. Plants, Food, and Biotechnology. 4 units
GE Area F
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Junior standing and completion of one of the following: AEPS 120, BIO 111, BIO 114, BIO 161, or BOT 121.
Agriculture as applied biology and its impact on civilization. Application of technology to increase the efficiency of food production. Genetics and biotechnology; culminating in an assessment of genetically engineered foods, the myths, the controversy, the science. Not open to Agricultural and Environmental Plant Sciences majors. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory. Crosslisted as AEPS/BOT 329. Fulfills GE Area F.

BOT 433. Field Botany: California Plant Diversity. 5 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: BOT 313, or graduate standing in Biological Sciences.
Field studies of California’s diverse vegetation. Identification of plants and plant communities in the field. Factors affecting distribution and ecological relationships. California geography, geology, and evolution of California flora. Several one day field trips and three weekend trips to California’s deserts and mountains. Field trips required. 3 lectures, 2 laboratories.