# **Introduction to Evolution - Biology 3302**

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# **Course Objectives:**

- 1. Investigate major evolutionary processes including heredity, natural selection, adaptation, speciation, extinction, social evolution, and human evolution.
- 2. Explore the historical development of the idea of evolution and the evidence that supports it.
- 3. Discuss how genetic variation arises and how gene frequency may change in populations.
- 4. Consider the origin of life and major evolutionary events that shaped diversity through geologic time.

#### **Required Text:**

Herron, J.C. and S. Freeman. 2014. Evolutionary Analysis, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition.

#### **Additional Course Materials:**

Journal articles or readings from additional texts will be assigned periodically. I will provide references for these materials and/or post electronic copies of them on MyGateway. The syllabus, course lecture schedule (with periodic updates), problem sets, assigned readings, and handouts will be available on MyGateway.

Downloadable copies of lecture slides or lecture notes, when made available, should be viewed as a convenience and not as an expected resource. You should plan on taking comprehensive lecture notes of your own. If you miss a lecture, please do not ask the instructor for the lecture notes or slides. Arrange to get them from another student.

# Attendance:

Students are expected to attend all lectures, and are responsible for all relevant announcements made during class.

It is recommended that you introduce yourself to someone in class whom you can contact for notes and information in case you must be absent.

Examinations will be based on mostly on material presented in class, as well as readings from the textbook and handouts.

# **Grading:**

Exam I	100 pts
Exam II	100 pts
Final Exam	200 pts
Problem Sets	<u>100 pts</u>
Total	500 pts

**Final Grades:** The final letter grades will be based on a point percentage tallied at the end of the semester and adjusted for class averages and natural gaps.

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

#### Grading:

Exams will consist of multiple choice, short answer, and short essay questions.

**Makeup exams** will be given **only** in the case of an extreme personal emergency or medical emergency requiring medical treatment, verified by a physician's note and/or your academic advisor from the Dean's office in advance. Makeup exams are not allowed for minor illnesses or student convenience (e.g. multiple exams scheduled in one week, conflict with extracurricular activities or travel plans, etc.).

**Problem Sets:** There will be several assignments consisting of problems or questions to be answered. These will be worth 100 points.

**Extra Credit:** From time to time a few extra points may be offered for pop quizzes or for attending outside events or seminars.

# **Cheating and Plagiarism:**

Cheating or plagiarism will not be tolerated. Your work must be your own.

- Do not copy the work of others. If you are caught, you will receive no credit for that work, whether it is a homework assignment or an exam, and it will be reported to the Dean's office. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, you could get an F or even expelled from the university.
- Discuss homework and projects with classmates, but you must do your own work.

# WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

# Deliberate Plagiarism

•Rewriting from books or articles

•copying & pasting from web pages and online sources to create a patchwork writing

•buying, downloading, or borrowing a paper Accidental Plagiarism

•not knowing when & how to cite

•not knowing how to paraphrase or summarize

not knowing what"common knowledge" is

•recycling an old paper

# **Student Participation and Civility:**

Play an active role in the learning process. You will learn more and enjoy the process more if you participate.

- Ask questions during lecture, but please raise your hand and wait to be called on.
- Participate in study groups.
- If you arrive late, please find your seat with a minimum of
  - disturbance to others.
- If you have a cell phone, please turn it off before class.
- Laptops may be used for note-taking only, not for email, surfing the internet, or working on other projects.
- Disruptive behavior, intimidation, and sexual harassment will not be tolerated.
- No one may be present in the classroom or lab who is not enrolled in the course.
- Students are expected to abide by the <u>Student Conduct Code</u>.

# **Special Needs:**

Please contact me early in the semester if you have special needs for lecture or testing so that we can make any necessary accommodations.

To request accommodations students must register through Disability Access Services, 114 MSC, (314-516-6554). my background.....





#### **Taxonomic Revisions**



## Flora of North America

#### VOLUME-10-Mignutophysic Autombie in parts: Antonionet, part 2

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# **Interactive Keys to Identify Species**



http://davidbogler.com Grasses of the U.S. Legumes of the U.S. Monocots of the U.S. Works well on iPhones and tablets



# **Interactive Keys**

- 1. Check the character boxes
- 2. Click Matching Taxa button
- 3. Narrow the possibilities
- 4. ID the species

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# **Agave Family and Relatives**











**Tequila Plantation, Jalisco, Mexico** 

#### Tequila, Jalisco, Cuervo Distillery













Dasylirion wheeleri

Nolina parviflora

#### cpDNA Restriction Sites Bogler and Simpson. 1995. Syst. Bot. 20: 191



# Dracaenaceae Convallariaceae

#### Nolinaceae

#### Agavaceae s.s.

# Combined rbcL, ndhF, and ITS DNA sequences

Bogler et al. 2006 Aliso **22**: 313–328





Atala Herbivory



**Relict Distribution** 

The Strange and Fascinating

World of Cycads



Toxins



Motile Spermatozoid



Sporophylls



Fern-like Leaves



Insect Pollination



**Coralloid Roots** 







# **Classical Taxonomy Complex and Somewhat Subjective**

Leaves alternate proximally, opposite and ultimately decussate distally, 6-16 × 4–13 cm; petiole ca. as long as blade, winged, base clasping, basal lobes stipulate, growing as extensions of wings, less than 1 mm wide; blade 5–7-veined, ovate, glabrous, base typically sagittate, margins entire, apex acute to acuminate. Staminate inflorescences axillary, 1-2 paniculate, fasciculate; panicles bearing flowers axil. per singly, bracteolate, in a zigzag pattern along rachis, internodes less than 2 mm; rachis to 25 cm, secondary axes 1–3(–6), fasciculate, less than 3 cm, each subtended by deltate-ovate bracteole shorter than 1 mm. Pistillate inflorescences solitary, 4–8(–20)-flowered, 6–35 cm, internodes ca. 1 cm



# DNA Barcode Simpler (A,T,G,C) and More Objective

> Dioscorea alata (matK) gene, partial

# **Goal of DNA Barcoding: Identify species from DNA alone**



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#### Family, Genus, Species

# **Plant Barcoding Applications**





# **Pollen Morphology**





# Missouri Pollen Project

Interactive Pollen Key Pollen Glossary Pollen Resources Contact

**Welcome** to the Missouri Pollen Project (MPP). Here you will find illustrations, descriptions, and keys to identification of pollen grains from plants of Missouri and much of the Midwestern United States. The goal is to provide a means of identifying pollen, as well as summarizing what is known about pollination biology of Missouri plants. The MPP is part of a larger long-term project to develop baseline data on pollen and pollinators in natural and altered communities, information that may be useful in a changing world. The keys and images will also be useful to botanists, entomologists, archeologists, paleobotanists, allergists and many others.

Navigating the MPP pages is quite simple. Individual pages for each genus are accessed through the Interactive Pollen Key. Here you will find a list of pollen characters on the left and a list of plant taxa on the right. You may scroll down the list of taxa to access the page for a particular genus. If you are trying to identify an unknown pollen grain you simply check the boxes of one or more characters and press the Matching Taxa button at the top. The list of possible taxa on the right is reduced to only those matching those characters. The list of potential characters is also revised to correspond to the remaining taxa. The Best button will show how many of the taxa share each character. A Glossary of Pollen terms is provided to refresh your memory about terminology. A brief collection of websites and references to **Pollen Resources** is provided to assist in finding additional information. A larger version of the images can be seen by clicking on them with the mouse.

#### New Arrivals



**Chenopodium** 







Passiflora



<u>Opuntia</u>

#### Justicia americana







#### Ruellia humilis







### Elymus hystrix

#### Phleum pratense







# Callirhoe involucrata







# **Pollination Biology**





#### **MBG NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU)**



# **Collecting Specimens Pressing the Plant for Voucher**



#### Livingstone Nganga, UMSL Undergraduate 2012 REU

# **Extracting DNA from Leaf Samples**



#### FastPrep DNA Extraction Kit



Livingstone Nganga



# **DNA Barcode Amplification: PCR**



Kelsey Huisman, 2013 REU



**PCR Product Gel Electrophoresis – check size** 

#### **Conservation Genetics of Tall Larkspur (Delphinium exaltatum)**



During summer 2009, the National Park Service Ozark Highlands fire ecology crew discovered the largest population of the nationally-rare tall larkspur (Delphinium exaltatum) in a prescribed fire management unit anywhere. A population of 2,481 tall larkspur plants was found at Ozark National Scenic Riverways (ONSR), near the park's famous Alley Spring.

#### **Conservation Genetics of Tall Larkspur (Delphinium exaltatum)**

#### U.S. Distribution





#### Shannon Co., Missouri

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