

Biology 460 8G – Environmental Plant Physiology – Winter 2024

## 1. General

Class format and schedule: The course content is divided into three sections, phytohormones, biotic interactions and abiotic stress. The content of each section emphasizes the physiological mechanisms that plants can use to respond to their environment. Each section includes a series of lectures

Deadlines: Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Each assignment must be submitted to turnitin.com as a Word document , unless otherwise specified. Submissions after the beginning of class are considered late and will be penalized at a rate of 10% per day, including weekends and holidays. Students wi

It is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible after the accommodation has been approved so that the student can find out the date of the new deadline.

**Absences from Final Examinations:** If you miss the Final Exam, please contact the Academic Counselling office of your Faculty of Registration as soon as you are able to do so. A counsellor will assess your eligibility to write the Special Examination (the name given by the University to a makeup Final Exam). You may also be eligible to write the Special Exam if you are in a "Multiple Exam Situation" (e.g., more than two exams in 23-hour period, more than three exams in a 47-hour period).

The make-up final exam for Bio 4608G will probably be held on Thursday May 9, 2024 (time and location to be determined).

If a student has Academic Consideration for missing a scheduled Special Examination, the date of the next Special Examination (if granted) normally will be the scheduled date for the final exam the next time this course is offered (i.e., April 2025). The maximum course load for that term will be reduced by the credit of the course(s) for which the final examination has been deferred. See the Academic Calendar for details (under [Special Examinations](#)).

## 7. Accommodation and Accessibility

**Religious Accommodation:** When a course requirement conflicts with a religious holiday that requires an absence from the University or prohibits certain activities, students should request accommodation for their absence in writing at least two weeks prior to the holiday to their Academic Counselling office. Please familiarize yourself with Western's policies on accommodation for religious holidays: [http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_religious.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_religious.pdf).

Accommodation Policies: Studentsc

E-mail: the centrally administered e-mail account provided to students will be considered the individual's official university e-mail address. It is the responsibility of the account holder to ensure that e-mail received from the University at their official university address is attended to in a timely manner. The full policy may be found here: [https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies\\_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf](https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/policies_procedures/section1/mapp113.pdf) .

Electronic devices will not be permitted on quizzes and exams.

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf).

Plagiarism: Students must write their assignments and exams in their own words. Whenever ideas or passages from another author are taken, they must be acknowledged using proper citations. Please ask the instructor if you are unsure how to do this! Please note: submitting two assignments on the same topic to two different courses falls within the realm of plagiarism. If plagiarism is detected, the assignment will receive a grade of zero and the student may face greater academic penalties.

Generative AI : Students must write their assignments in their own words. Generative AI (e.g., ChatGPT) is a useful tool for many tasks, much as Wikipedia is a useful starting point when learning a new topic. However, the purpose of a written assignment is to develop the students' thinking process – not just to produce an item to be graded. Especially in an F/G (aka “writing”) course, written assignments should not simply summarize existing information on a particular topic. The iterative acts of thinking, writing, synthesizing, and editing are fundamental to creating deep learning and promoting cognitive development. For these reasons, if the use of generative AI is detected, the assignment will receive a grade of zero and the student may face greater academic penalties.

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