

**Mercer County Community College  
OHT 226 – Interior Landscape Design  
Spring 2007**

**Credits:** 3  
**Lecture Hours:** 2  
**Laboratory Hours:** 2

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**Course Description:**

Emphasizes the key ornamental aspects, cultural requirements, and uses of the plant species covered. Specific topics include interior landscaping, propagation, dish gardens, terrariums and environmental requirements. Involves both taxonomic and common nomenclature.

**Pre-requisites:**

OHT 101 or OHT 102 or permission from the course coordinator

**Required Textbook:**

Title: *The Houseplant Expert*  
Author: Dr. D. G. Hessayon  
Publisher: Transworld Publishing

**Grading:**

Grades will be based on the following points system.

Midterm Exam	100 points
Final Exam	100 points
ID Quizzes	100 points
Plant Facts Journal	100 points
Log-in Points	150 points
Lab Projects	<u>100 points</u>
Total	500 points

## **Explanation of Point System:**

**Exams** - The midterm will be based on the first half of the course. The final exam will be cumulative with an emphasis on the second half of the course. The date of the final exam is to be announced. I reserve the right to re-test you if a grade received is not consistent with your normal performance. You must show up on time to take your exams. If you are late to class to take an exam, and one of your classmates has already finished the exam and left the room, you will not be allowed to take it. In case of an emergency, you must call within 24 hours of the exam in order to do a make-up. You are also responsible for all missed class material for exams. I would suggest that you pair up with a classmate so you can have access to missed notes, etc.

**ID Quizzes** – You will take a plant identification quiz in lab each week. Each quiz will be worth 10 points, and will require you to recall the plant by the Latin and common names. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped at the end of the semester. No make-up quizzes will be given.

**Plant Facts Journal** – A portion of your notebook will be put together as a plant facts journal. The plant facts journal will be a page by page reference for you of all of the plants discussed in class. A portion of this journal will be completed during class time, while the rest of the journal will need to be completed on your own. You will be required to hand this journal in at the mid-point of the semester, and at the end of the semester. The more complete the journal, the higher the grade you will receive.

**Log-in Points** – You will receive 10 points per week for logging in and viewing the lectures. You must log-in at least once a week.

**Make-up Policy** - The instructor must be notified within 24 hours of an exam if it is going to be missed for an excused reason. (Excused absences include illness, death, transportation problems etc.). If this is done, the student will be able to make up the exam at the convenience of the instructor. Other wise, no make up will be offered. You are also responsible for all missed class material for exams.

**Lab Projects** – You will be assigned a series of lab projects over the course of the semester. Each project will be worth 20 points, and you will be given the specifics for the projects as they are assigned. Project topics will include:

- Designing interior plant displays
- Maintaining interior plant displays
- Developing maintenance plans for displays
- Critiquing visited displays
- Visiting retail suppliers of plants and materials

**Cell Phone Policy** - According to college policy, the ringer on all cell phones must be turned off during class.

**Statement of Academic Integrity -**

“Any student who a) knowingly represents the work of others as his/her own, b) uses or obtains unauthorized assistance in the execution of any academic work, or c) gives fraudulent assistance to another student is guilty of cheating. Violators will be penalized in accordance with established college policies and procedures.” (If you are caught cheating, you will receive a zero for the test or assignment and you will be turned into the Academic Integrity Committee.)

**Mercer’s Grading System:**

A	93 – 100
A-	90 – 92
B+	87 – 89
B	83 – 86
B-	80 – 82
C+	77 – 79
C	70 – 76
D	60 – 69
F	0 – 59

**Schedule of Events:**

1/18: Course Introduction; First 10 Plants; Common Containers Used  
1/25: Lab Quiz #1; Second Set of Plants; Setting up a Simple Display  
2/01: Lab Quiz #2; Third Set of Plants; Soil Media Used  
2/08: Lab Quiz #3; Fourth Set of Plants; Lighting and Ventilation Requirements  
2/15: Lab Quiz #4; Fifth Set of Plants; Water and Fertilizers  
2/22: Field Trip – Design of Quaker Bridge Mall and Market Fair Mall  
3/01: Midterm Exam – Plant Facts Journal Due  
3/08: Lab Quiz #5; 6<sup>th</sup> Set of Plants; Guidelines for Purchasing Plants  
3/15: No Class – Spring Break  
3/22: Field Trip – Home Depot and Lowes  
3/29: Lab Quiz #6; 7<sup>th</sup> Set of Plants; Building Dish Gardens and Terrariums  
4/05: Lab Quiz #7; 8<sup>th</sup> Set of Plants; Pest Control and Keeping Healthy Plants  
4/12: Lab Quiz #8; 9<sup>th</sup> Set of Plants; Propagation of Houseplants  
4/19: Lab Quiz #9; 10<sup>th</sup> Set of Plants; Plants on Campus  
4/26: Field Trip – Design of the Hyatt Regency in Princeton and Area Malls  
5/03: Lab Quiz #10; Industry Guest Lecture

Final Exam - TBA