



COURSE OUTLINE: NRT140 - FOREST PLANT BIOLOGY

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Course Code: Title	NRT140: FOREST PLANT BIOLOGY
Program Number: Name	5230: FORESTRY TECHNICIAN
Department:	NATURAL RESOURCES PRG
Academic Year:	2025-2026
Course Description:	This course provides the student with a practical understanding of the classification, structure and functioning of plants in general with special consideration for woody plants. The concepts presented in this course will have direct application in a number of courses in the Forestry Technician Program.
Total Credits:	3
Hours/Week:	3
Total Hours:	42
Prerequisites:	There are no pre-requisites for this course.
Corequisites:	There are no co-requisites for this course.
Vocational Learning Outcomes (VLO's) addressed in this course:	5230 - FORESTRY TECHNICIAN VLO 5 Contribute to sustainable forest management plans, including conservation and rehabilitation measures, taking into consideration the perspectives of a variety of stakeholders and the requirements of relevant legislation and regulations. VLO 6 Identify and analyze forest diseases, pests, invasive species and other disturbance events and implement mitigation strategies to maintain and improve forest ecosystems.
Essential Employability Skills (EES) addressed in this course:	EES 1 Communicate clearly, concisely and correctly in the written, spoken, and visual form that fulfills the purpose and meets the needs of the audience. EES 2 Respond to written, spoken, or visual messages in a manner that ensures effective communication. EES 3 Execute mathematical operations accurately. EES 4 Apply a systematic approach to solve problems. EES 5 Use a variety of thinking skills to anticipate and solve problems. EES 6 Locate, select, organize, and document information using appropriate technology and information systems. EES 7 Analyze, evaluate, and apply relevant information from a variety of sources. EES 8 Show respect for the diverse opinions, values, belief systems, and contributions of others. EES 9 Interact with others in groups or teams that contribute to effective working relationships and the achievement of goals. EES 10 Manage the use of time and other resources to complete projects.



	EES 11 Take responsibility for ones own actions, decisions, and consequences.																								
General Education Themes:	Science and Technology																								
Course Evaluation:	<p>Passing Grade: 50%, D</p> <p>A minimum program GPA of 2.0 or higher where program specific standards exist is required for graduation.</p>																								
Other Course Evaluation & Assessment Requirements:	Academic success is directly linked to attendance. Missing more than 1/3 of the course hours in a semester shall result in a F Grade for this Course.																								
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	7. Understand the life cycles of various plant groups.	7.1 Distinguish between different stages in the life cycles of ferns, mosses, club mosses, conifers and flowering plants. 7.2 Draw from microscope slides specified life stages.
Evaluation Process and Grading System:	Evaluation Type	Evaluation Weight
	Lab Assignments	60%
	Tests/Exams	40%
Date:	August 21, 2025	
Addendum:	Please refer to the course outline addendum on the Learning Management System for further information.	