

Fall 2018

Distribute this syllabus to students at the beginning of the course.



**TRINITY VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Non Credit-Course Syllabus**

**COURSE: Master Gardner/Principles of Horticulture**  
**HALT 1001 (1004)**

An overview of the horticulture industry, plant science, terminology classification, propagation, environmental responses and careers and opportunities in the field of horticulture.

**Start date:** 09/07/2018

**End Date:** 12/14/2018

**Weekly Meeting days:** \_\_ Mon. \_\_ Tue. \_\_ Wed. \_\_ Thurs. \_\_ Fri.x \_\_ Sat \_\_ Sun \_\_

**Daily Meeting Times:** Start: 9 am End: 2 pm

**Instructor Name:** **Spencer Perkins**

**Class Location:** **Athens-TVCC campus AG 107**

Physical Address of classroom: #100 Cardinal Drive Athens, Texas ZIP Code 75751

**Office Location:** Instructor does not have an office on the TVCC campus. The TVCC Continuing and Workforce Education Department is located in Suite 115 in the Liberal Arts Building on the Athens campus. Phone # 903-675-6212.

Your Instructor's contact information is: Phone: 903-675-6130

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**Course Description:**

An overview of the horticulture industry, plant science, terminology classification, propagation, environmental responses and careers and opportunities in the field of horticulture.

The course includes minimum of 52 clock hours (62 contact hours) of classroom/lab experience.

**Course Co- or Pre-Requisites:**

- none

**Textbook(s):**

- no textbook required

**Required Materials:**

1. no materials required at this time

**Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, the student should demonstrate a mastery of the following learning outcomes:**

- Utilize scientific nomenclature used in horticulture;
- Explain the effect of environmental factors on plant growth;
- Identify the various facets of the horticulture industry and career opportunities.

**Course Requirements:**

- Orientation and Master Gardener Overview
- Plant Growth and Development
- Soil, Water & Plant Nutrients/Fertilizer Plant tour
- Earth-Kind Landscaping
- Plant and Health Problems
- Fruit & Nut Production
- Vegetable & Herb Production
- Landscape Horticulture
- Lawn Care/Tree Care
- Organic Production
- Texas Forest Service & Athens Arboretum
- Materials and Final Exam Review
- Final Exam

**Grades: The grade provided at the end of each course is the final course grade that will be transcribed at TVCC.**

The following grading scale will be utilized:

- **A=Excellent (90-100)**
- **B=Good (80-89)**
- **C=Fair (70-79)**
- **D=Poor (60-69)**
- **F=Failure (below 60)**
- **W=Withdrew**

Note: The students receive the grades they earn. The instructor has the right to assign a grade based on the performance of the student. Attendance and class participation will be taken into consideration when grades are assigned.

### **Outline of Course**

- Week 1                      Orientation and Master Gardner Overview
- Week 2                      Plant Growth and Development
- Week 3                      Soil, Water & Plant Nutrients/Fertilizer Plant tour
- Week 4                      Earth-Kind Landscaping
- Week 5                      Plant and Health Problems
- Week 6                      Fruit & Nut Production
- Week 7                      Vegetable & Herb Production
- Week 8                      Landscape Horticulture
- Week 9                      Lawn Care/Tree Care
- Week 10                     Organic Production
- Week 11-12                 Texas Forest Service & Athens Arboretum
- Week 13-14                Materials and Final Exam Review
- Week 15                     Final Exam

**Classroom Policies:** See [www.tvcc.edu/communityservices](http://www.tvcc.edu/communityservices)

- Absences can impact your grade. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements for getting missed assignments and for completing missed work or tests. (“Make-ups” are at the discretion of the instructor.)
- Professionalism is a vital part of employment and training. Professionalism is defined as, but is not limited to: respect for others; taking responsibility for commitments (schedules, work, etc.); appropriate use of language; appropriate behaviors; appropriate dress; working as a team with fellow students, instructors, and community individuals.

### **Cheating/Plagiarism:**

Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. “Cheating on a test” shall include

- (a) Copying from another student’s test paper

- (b) Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test
- (c) Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator
- (d) Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an un-administered test
- (e) The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the un-administered test
- (f) Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for oneself, to take a test, and
- (g) Bringing another person to obtain an un-administered test or information about an un-administered test.

“Plagiarism” shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one’s own written work.

“Collusion” shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements.

The student who engages in cheating, plagiarism, or collusion may receive a failing grade on the assignment: or, the student who engages in cheating, plagiarism, or collusion may receive a failing grade in the course.

### **Drop Policy:**

A student may withdraw (drop) from a course and receive a grade of “W” at any time during a given class. Dropping requires contacting the TVCC Continuing and Workforce Education Department to officially “drop”. Students who do not officially drop, but discontinue class activities will receive a grade of “F”.

### **Student’s responsibility:**

This syllabus contains information, policies and procedures for a specific course. By enrolling, the student agrees to read, understand, and abide by the rules, policies, regulations, and ethical standards of Trinity Valley Community College as contained in the current catalog and schedule of classes.

**Affirmative Action:**

TVCC is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution which provides educational and employment opportunities on the basis of merit and without discrimination or harassment in full compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 503,504); Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; the Vietnam Era Veterans Assistance Act of 1974; Article 5221k V.A.C.S.; and Executive Orders 11246 and 11758.

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

Trinity Valley Community College provides equal opportunities for academically qualified students with disabilities and ensures access to a wide variety of resources and programs. The passage of Section 504, Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 requires that the college make certain special arrangements for students with disabilities such as moving classes to accessible locations when necessary, allowing the use of tape recorders, sign language interpreters, or other educational auxiliary aids, making special test arrangements, and other accommodations. The college will make reasonable accommodations for qualified students with a diagnosed physical and/or learning disability who have been admitted to the college and request accommodations.

Students with disabilities who wish to request accommodations should notify the Guidance Services Office on their campus. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services counselor.

For more information, please visit the Guidance Service Office on your campus or contact Diane Milner at 903-675-6310 or email [dmilner@tvcc.edu](mailto:dmilner@tvcc.edu). For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.tvcc.edu/guidance/studentswithdisabilities.aspx>.