

**SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**  
**TRAN-WELDING-AG**  
**Horticulture & Turfgrass Management Program**  
**Revision Date: August 2020**  
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**I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION**

**Course Number:** HORT 1239  
**Course Title** Arboriculture  
**Prerequisite(s):** None

**Catalog Description:** Introduction to the biology of trees, and their selection and placement in a landscaping design. Includes general tree maintenance including planting, pruning, fertilizing and damage repair.

**Credit Hours:** 2.0  
**Class Hours:** 23  
**Lab Hours:** 23  
**Total Contact Hours:** Total of Class + Lab 46

**II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:** *Course will:*

1. Introduce and discuss the botanical parts of a tree.
2. Introduce the anatomy and functions of a normal, healthy tree.
3. Introduce the appropriate selection of trees given characteristics of a growing site.
4. Demonstrate the proper planting and post care of trees.
5. Introduce the logistics behind the need for pruning.
6. Demonstrate proper pruning techniques in a safe and efficient manner.

**III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

**A. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:** *Student will be able to:*

1. Understand the function of plant parts and processes.
2. Demonstrate the techniques of proper tree maintenance including fertilization, and irrigation.
3. Understand the proper establishment and placement of trees into a landscape design, including the ability to identify several trees located on the Campus.
4. Understand the life cycles and controls of several tree insects and diseases.
5. Gain skills and knowledge of planting, staking and post-planting care techniques used in the industry.
6. Demonstrate the proper pruning techniques used in tree care.

**B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**GELO #3: Critical Thinking & Problem Solving**

Critical thinkers have the ability to evaluate a problem or assumption and determine an appropriate course of action. They use reason and evidence to make judgments and decisions. Critical thinking and problem solving skills rank highly among employer expectations.

**Outcomes:**

- 1) Collect, identify, interpret and analyze data.
- 2) Synthesize information to arrive at reasoned solutions to problems.
- 3) Evaluate ideas presented in writing, medial, speech, or artistic presentations.
- 4) Evaluate the validity of arguments, alternatives, data, outcomes, and/or impacts of actions.
- 5) Acquire and integrate knowledge and construct relationships across disciplines.

**IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)**

- A. Basic structure of trees and the processes of plant life.
- B. Techniques of proper tree maintenance.
- C. Proper establishment and placement of trees in the landscape.
- D. Identification of certain trees by their common name.
- E. Identification and controls of common tree insects and diseases.

**V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

- A. **Required Text(s):** Pirone's Tree Maintenance, 7<sup>th</sup> ed., Hartman, Pirone and Sall  
ISBN 0-19-511991-6
- B. **Other Resources:** Instructional and study materials will include class notes, handouts, and other information.

**VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION**

- A. Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:
  - a. Methods will include, but are not limited to:
    - i. Lectures
    - ii. Slide and Video Presentations
    - iii. Research and Writing Assignments
    - iv. Field Trips
    - v. Guest Speakers
  - b. Laboratory or Field Assignments

**VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION**

- A. Methods of evaluation typically include a combination of the following:
- B. Quizzes, tests, and exams
- C. Pest Written Assignments
- D. Participation

**SCC STANDARD GRADING SCALE POLICY:**

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| <b>A+ 95-100</b> | <b>C+ 75-79</b>   |
| <b>A 90-94</b>   | <b>C 70-74</b>    |
| <b>B+ 85-89</b>  | <b>D+ 65-69</b>   |
| <b>B 80-84</b>   | <b>D 60-64</b>    |
|                  | <b>F Below 60</b> |

**VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

Successful completion of all exams, projects, and assignments.

- a. Participation in class and class activities; including field trips.
- b. Utilization of all safety wear in lab activities.