Biology 830P06 - Special Topics in Biology: Dangerous Plants – Spring 2014
Syllabus
Chapter assignments refer to Wicked Plants by Amy Stewart (2009; Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill) and 50 Plants that Changed the Course of History (2010; Firefly Books)

Week 1 (1/13-17) – Wicked Plants, Aconite-This Houseplant Could be Your Last, p1-29 – Timed online quiz available 1/17-19.


Week 3 (1/27-31) – Wicked Plants, Jimson Weed-Here Comes the Sun, p67-97 – Timed online quiz 1/31-2/2.


Week 15 (4/28-5/2) – 50 Plants, Cacao-Ginger, p184-217
Final week – Timed online Final Exam and Timed online-essay portions available 5/2-9. Both portions are comprehensive.

The Basics:
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Grading: Grades will be assigned using the standard grading scale for the Department of Biology, as follows: A (93-100%), A- (90-92%), B+ (88-89%), B (83-87%), B- (80-82%), C+ (78-79%), C (73-77%), C- (70-72%), D+ (68-69%), D (63-67%), D- (60-62%), and F (below 60%).

Course Point Totals:
2 Regular Exams (150 pts each)- 300 pts
1 Final Exam (200 pts)- 200 pts
12 Online quizzes (10 pts each)- 120 pts
Total- 620 pts

Course Policies-
*Policy on plagiarism: Anyone caught plagiarizing any exercise will receive a 0 for that exercise; subsequent violations will result in referral to the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for dismissal from the university.

*Policy on incomplete: To be considered for an incomplete in Biology 830.03:
1. You must submit the reasons you cannot complete the scheduled work. This must include a copy of your class schedule and description of your responsibilities outside the classroom. This should be done in writing and include confirmation from your employer or doctor when appropriate.
2. You must specify the assignments you have missed and a schedule of plans to complete them.
3. You must submit a copy of the above information to the Chair of the Department of Biology and the Dean of Natural and Social Sciences.
4. Upon completion of items 1-3, your request for an incomplete will be considered. I expect all students to progress through the requirements for Biology 830.85 in a timely fashion. Unless your circumstance is quite remarkable, do not consider an incomplete.

*Tests and quizzes will not be rescheduled without valid reason.

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It is the policy of the University of Nebraska at Kearney to provide flexible, individualized, and reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities or students who are pregnant. To receive accommodation services for a disability,
students must be registered with UNK Disabilities Services. Contact David Brandt, in the Academic Success Office, 163 Memorial Student Affairs Building, 308-865-8214 or by email brandtdl@unk.edu to register. For students needing accommodation due to pregnancy, you need to contact Student Health. (The following link provides information for students and faculty regarding pregnancy rights. http://www.nwlc.org/resource/pregnant-and-parenting-students-rights-faqs-college-and-graduate-students) Students with disabilities or students who are pregnant need to provide the proper documentation from Disability Services or Student Health to their faculty members in order to receive academic accommodations. Anyone who feels they were not afforded these rights, should contact the campus Title IX/ADA Officer at 308-865-8655.
Attached is the link to the above statement for your convenience. http://www.unk.edu/offices/disabilityservices.aspx?id=13673