

BIOLOGY 2050, TREE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNCTION, 2026

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Lecture: Tuesday and Thursdays 5:30-7:00pm, RB 1045

Lab : Monday 8:30-11:30am CB 3015

Instructional Type: Face to face

Texts:

1. Wilson, B.F., 1984. The Growing Tree (on reserve in library): not required.
2. Leitch, M.A. Biology 2050 Lab Manual (Provided Free)

Marking Scheme:

Lab exam	15%
Final exam	45%
Mid-term	15%
Labs	25%

Please Note: no unreasonable request will be refused to defer a test provided that the request is made in writing and a doctor's certificate (or equivalent) is given to me within one week of the test date.

Exam Format:

Short answers, multiple choice, diagram/label for the final and midterm exams and the lab exam is a bell ringer.

Laboratory:

Lecture notes and other materials may be handy to have in the labs for reference. You will be expected to identify features and label figures provided. The labs should be handed in by Friday of the week assigned and will be marked and returned at the beginning of the following week. The labs will be evaluated and will make up 25% of your final grade.

Lecture:

Most topics cover structure, function and regulation of development. No assignments are requested. You are expected to read the appropriate sections of the text and material in the class notes.

TOPIC OUTLINE

Topic	Sub-Topics	Sub-Topic
1. Roots	Function Rhizography- <i>pattern, classification, sampling</i> Anatomy- <i>primary and secondary tissues, function, cell types</i> Development- <i>apical meristem, differentiation, cambium, secondary growth, lateral & adventitious roots</i> Control of Growth- <i>lateral and adventitious roots, biotic & endogenous factors, root shoot interactions</i> Growth Periodicity- <i>seasonal, episodic, potential, dormancy</i>	
2. Shoots	Morphology- <i>examples</i> Buds- <i>composition, types, development, phenology, dormancy</i> Shoot Anatomy- <i>primary tissues, differentiation, cambial formation, leaf formation & phyllotaxy</i> Control of Shoot Growth- <i>external and internal factors</i> Photosynthesis, Respiration etc.	
3. Stems	Cambium Wood Phloem/Periderm	Anatomy- <i>cell types</i> Activity/Regulation- <i>division & hormones</i> Development- <i>differentiation</i> Gymnosperm/Angiosperm- <i>species</i> Anatomy and Variation- <i>cell/tissue types</i> Gymnosperm/Angiosperm- <i>species</i> Anatomy and Variation- <i>cell/tissue types</i> Primary and Secondary- <i>development</i>
4. Transport	Source and Sink- <i>concepts and water in the column</i> Pressure Potential- <i>driving force concept</i> Transport in Xylem- <i>cells and the process</i> Transport in Phloem- <i>cells and the process</i>	
5. Reproduction	Life Cycles- <i>outline of examples from various species</i> Gymnosperms Angiosperms	