**The University of Jordan Department: Plant Protection**

**Faculty: Agriculture 2017-2018/ 1st Semester**

**Weed Ecophysiology (606972)**

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| Credit hours | 3 LECTURES  | Level | Ph.D  | Pre-requisite | **Weed Science 606231** |
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| Office hours |
| Day/Time | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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**Course Description**

This course covers weed biology including means of propagation and dissemination, ecological adaptation emphasizing on weedness and persistence, various weed interferences, development of resistance to herbicides, comparative ecophysiology and genetics of weeds and crops, the course includes some literature studies and presentation of research papers where lecturer found it feasible.

**Learning Objectives**

Students learn on weeds and their interaction with their surrounding environment (micro- and macrosites). Responses of weeds and influence of growth factors including nutrients, light, water, CO2 and O2. In addition their interaction and responses to environmental conditions such as temperature and freezing, pH, soil characters…..etc. and their effects on the physiological and biochemical processes of weeds. Students learn weed classification and categories based on their ecology, weed evolution and development. Methods of studying weed-crop competition and estimation or measuring crop losses due to weed competition. Students will be able to predict future weed infestation and how to calculate future weed population and determination of the critical weed period competition. In addition

**Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs):**

At the end of this course, students are expected to:

* Have an idea on the importance of weeds in agriculture and environment.
* Be able to identify & categorize weeds according to different classification methods, which enable students to know better these species and their role in human and animal health.
* Know the role of different ecological factors on growth and productivity of weeds and their response to agricultural practices and changes occur in their environment.
* Able to predict future weed infestation and plant weed control programs.
* Able to calculate losses caused by weed and calculate the cost of weed control and economic feasibility of their control.
* Know on weed evolution and weed strategies. Weed dominance under different environmental conditions and type of vegetation in such ecological regions.

A**. Knowledge and Understanding: Student is expected to**

* Know on weed ecological classification
* Know weed evolutionary stages and importance
* Role of environmental factors on weed productivity and success in the environment
* Understand the genetic relationship between weeds and cultivated crops and the reflection of this on weed succession, evolution and dominance
* Learn how to predict weed population and future infestation and how to plant successful weed control programs.
* Study methods of study weed competition and estimation of crop yield losses
* Study the role and influence of different growth factors on interrelationship between weed and crops and the influence of competition over these factors on physiological processes and responses of competing species.
* Know about all kinds of interrelation ships between weeds and crop plants including positive and negative interactions.

B. **Intellectual Analytical and Cognitive Skills: Student is expected to**

* Keep up to date with any progress in weed research and recent developments in weed evolution and reaction with ecology and environment methods and herbicides.
* Consult recent published papers or references on the subject
* Interact with the lecturer and discuss any important related issues students think that introduce new knowledge or satisfy student quires on the topic.
* Become familiar with weeds, their ecology, physiology and differences between these and crop plants. The role of ecophysiological factors on weed succession and evolution.
* How knowledge on weed ecophysiological factors can help in their management in the field and in different growing systems

C. **Subject- Specific Skills: Students are expected to:**

* Predict future weed infestation
* Plan weed control programs
* Learn on the ecophysiological interrelationships between weeds and crop plants
* Gain knowledge on all kinds of weed crop interactions including positive and negative interactions
* Gain knowledge on weed dominance in different ecological regions and environments
* Know on weed physiological responses in relation to ecological factors
* Gain knowledge on weed evolutionary success and genetics

**D. Transferable Key Skills: Student is expected to know:**

How to distinguish weed species based on their ecological and physiological factors, how to predict weed infestation, how to design weed\crop competition studies, how to distinguish different groups of weeds based on their habitats and succession stages, how to get familiar with growth patterns, seed and other propagules production, dispersal and importance in maintenance of species under stress conditions, how to calculate losses caused by weeds and manage them, how to use physiological and ecological calculations/equations/terminology and adopt them to weed situation. Know the importance of growth factors and their effects on the outcome of competition and analyse factors affecting the relationship between weeds and crop plants.

**Course Contents**

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| **Content** | **Reference** | **Week** | **ILO/s** |
| IntroductionCharacteristics of weeds   | 15, 21, 22 | 1 | A, B, C, D. |
| Worldwide distribution and importance of weedsCrop mimics | 15, 21 | 2 | A, B, C, D. |
| Classification of weeds byHistoryAdaptationEcologyNegative and positive effects of agrestal weedsCharacteristics of agrestals. | 16, 21, 22 | 3 | A, B, C, D. |
| EnvironmentVegetationCommunity differentiationWeeds : Domesticates and wild plantsPatterns of evolutionary developmentR and k selectionC, S and R selectionWeeds as strategies | 12, 22 | 4 | A, B, C, D. |
| Competitive ruderalsStress tolerantReproductionSexual reproductionInfluence of polyploidy, weeds/crops relations | 14, 22 | 5 | A, B, C, D. |
| Vegetative reproduction* + Bud reserve
	+ Occurrence of vegetative propagation
	+ Advantage of vegetative reproduction
 | 8,14,16, 22  | 6 | A, B, C, D. |
| dispersalin spacein timeGermination and establishmentLight requirementSoil seed reserve (seed bank)Seed longevity and mortality\Seed longevity and impact on cropping systems* + Patterns of emergence
	+ Safe site concept and risk of death
 | 9, 11, 12, 22  | 7, 8 | A, B, C, D. |
| Midterm Exam |
| Prediction of weed infestationplant growth and interferencedefinitionNegative interferenceSpace and resourcesType of neighborsCompetition versus other types of interferenceCompetition DefinitionCompetition and densityEffect of density on growthEffect of density on mortality and reproduction | 14,16, 22, 24 | 9, 10 | A, B, C, D. |
| Method of studying competitionAdditive designSubstitutive designSystematic designMeasurement of competitionAggressivityCompetition indexRelative Competitive ability index | 22 | 11, 12 | A, B, C, D. |
| Critical period of competitionInter- and intra-specific competition Predicting crop loss form competition | 9, 21, 22  | 13 | A, B, C, D. |
| AmensalismDefinitionEffect of allelopathy Techniques in studying allelopathy | 1, 17, 21, 23  | 13 | A, B, C, D. |
| ParasitismAdaptation for dispersal and germinationPhysiology of parasitismCommensalismsProto-cooperationMutualism | 19, 21  | 13 | A, B, C, D. |
| Limiting factors and competitionLightWater and water use efficiencyCO2Root function and competitionPlant factors and competition | 9, 11, 12 , 13 | 14 | A, B, C, D. |
| competition for nutrientsinteraction of nutrients with other resources and plant densityresponse to high levels of nutrientsresponse to low levels of nutrients | 9, 11, 12 , 13, 22 | 14, 15 | A, B, C, D. |
| plant growth analysisWeed/crop dynamics and management | 16, 22 | 15, 16 | A, B, C, D. |
| Impact of herbicidesHerbicide resistance and weed evolution | 6, 9, 10, 18, 20, 21,  | 16 | A, B, C, D. |

**Learning Methodology**

## Learning through lectures, papers discussion on recent development on the course topics, literature review, papers collection, journals and term papers.

## Projects and Assignments

Each student is required to submit a review term paper on recent advances in weed ecophysiologcal aspects at the end of the semester.

# Evaluation

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| Exam | Grade% | Date |
| Mid. Term Exam | 30 | 8-9th week |
| Term paper | 30 |  |
| Final Exam | 40 | As scheduled by the university |

**Main Reference/s:**

ALL below collectively

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Symposium Proceedings

Weed Research

Weed Science

Weed Technology

Weed Abstracts

Other related papers and journals

**Intended Grading Scale (Optional)**

65-70 C+

71-75 B-

76-81 B

82-87 B+

88-93 A-

94 -100 A

Notes:

* Concerns or complaints should be expressed in the first instance to the module lecturer; if no resolution is forthcoming, then the issue should be brought to the attention of the module coordinator (for multiple sections) who will take the concerns to the module representative meeting. Thereafter, problems are dealt with by the Department Chair and if still unresolved the Dean and then ultimately the Vice President. For final complaints, there will be a committee to review grading the final exam.
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