

## PLS 303/PLS 303L - Introduction to Floral Design

**Instructor:** Mrs. Karen Purvis

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**Class & Lab:** Wednesdays 6:00pm-9:50pm

**Location:** Plant Science Center

**Text:** (not required)

### Course Description (as per catalog):

Introduction to the history and uses of floral art in society. Principles and elements of design will be discussed and demonstrated using floral materials. Hours: 3

### Student Learning Outcomes:

- Identify commonly used materials and tools in floral arrangements.
- Learn principles and elements of design using fresh cut florals, foliage and materials as well as line, form, color and texture in floral arranging to illustrate various floral art designs.
- Understand the importance of holidays and special occasions in the floral industry.
- Understand proper handling and care of plant/floral material and tools.

### Class Format:

The format for this course will vary from traditional lecture, group discussions, video presentations, group work and hands-on lab activities.

### Grading Policy:

This course will utilize standard grading scale. The instructor reserves the right to curve individual exam of course grades upward if the class performance warrants such action. In no case will the curving of grades result in a lower than earned grade. Do not plan or count on grades being curved, so put your best effort into your work, labs and assignments.

Exams (2 @ 100 points each)	200	Grade Distribution:	
Cumulative Final Exam	100	A	686-770
Quizzes (4x20 points each)	80	B	609-685
Lab Activities (9x10 points each)	90	C	530-608
Portfolio	150	D	378-531
Cumulative Lab Final	50	F	<=377
Participation	100		

**Exams**-cover material discussed in class, reading assignments, video presentations, and lab activities.

**Cumulative Final Exam**- cumulative over the entire semester and will be administered in class according to ETAMU final exam schedule.

**Quizzes**- are identification quizzes on tools and plant materials used in floral design as well as procedures and processes.

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**Lab Activities-** there are lab activities that must be submitted at the end of the lab with the floral design worksheet checked off by the instructor.

**Portfolio-** a portfolio consisting of pictures from designs made during lab each week will be submitted in class on December 3rd. Please see additional handout for specifics on portfolio project.

**Cumulative Lab Final-** will be held in lab on December 3rd. Each student will draw a design and complete the random design without the use of notes from class.

**Participation-** will consist of attendance, preparedness for class, participation in class discussion and activities.

### **Course Topics for Lecture and Lab (Tentative Schedule)**

Date	Lecture	Lab
August 27	Syllabus/Safety/Introduction	Wiring Techniques/Bows
September 4	Tool/Mechanics/Containers	Tools/Containers/Resources
September 10	Quiz 1/Care & Handling Fresh Cuts	Flower Processing
September 17	Floral Design History	Dish Garden
September 24	Quiz 2/Floral Design History	Boutonnieres/ Corsages
October 1	Exam 1	Symmetrical Triangle
October 8	Design Elements	Round
October 15	Design Principles	Vase/Bud Vase
October 22	Quiz 3/Design Principles & Elements	Homecoming Mums
October 29	Quiz 4 / Holiday/Special Occasion Designs	Crescent
November 5	No Class	No Class
November 12	Exam #2 / Seasonal Themes & Color Schemes	Wreaths
November 19	Wedding Flower Designs	Wedding Design Planning
November 26	No Class (Thanksgiving)	No Class
December 3	Lab Final Exam	Wedding Design/Turn in Portfolio
December 10	Final Exam	

### **Class Attendance Policy:**

Attendance is mandatory for PLS 303. There will be hands-on activities with fresh flowers almost every time we meet. The lab activities will not be able to be made up if missed, because I cannot guarantee fresh flowers outside of class time. You should always contact the instructor ahead of time if you will miss lab that day. In the case of an excused absence, an alternative assignment or make-up will be discussed. Also, attendance is also incorporated into your participation points. If you are not in lab you cannot participate.

### **Professionalism:**

Students are expected to attend class online and laboratory in person as scheduled. Their participation in class discussion and instructional activities should follow the basic principles of common courtesy and decency. Rude and disruptive behavior, as well as cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated. The use of tobacco products in the classroom, laboratory, or field trip sites is prohibited. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with instructor's guidelines may result in suspension from class for the remainder of the day's instruction. Repeat offenses may result in additional consequences.

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The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

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East Texas A&M University

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Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

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*Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.*

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