

**COURSE:** BIOL-315\* Plants and Human Culture  
**TERM:** Winter 2026  
**Coordinator:** TBD  
**Lecturer:** TBD

### **SUMMARY:**

Humans interact with plants in a wide range of contexts daily. This course focuses on the biology of plants used for food, fiber, shelter and pleasure. We examine historical and contemporary human-plant interactions in the context of agriculture through the lens of evolutionary biology. Emphasis is placed on recognizing which plant parts are used by humans and converted to consumer products. Exam questions are short or long answers; exams are not T/F or multiple choice.

### **DUTIES:**

TA duties in this course may include any of the following:

1. Grading exams in consultation with instructor.
2. Grading assignments (using providing guidelines or rubric) and providing meaningful feedback to students.
3. Facilitating student discussion / written reflection sessions.
4. May include some administrative tasks such as entering grades and managing student emails.

### **EVALUATION:**

Consultation with TA

### **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

All Biology TAs are required to adhere to the University's Code of Conduct, as described in Section 12 of the Queen's Graduate Calendar, and Section 4 of the Guide to Graduate Studies in Biology. As teachers of undergraduates, TAs are expected to engage in Respectful Communication. TAs must recognize the seriousness of all forms of Academic Dishonesty, Harassment and Discrimination and understand the rules governing such cases at Queen's.

### **PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING PROBLEMS BETWEEN TAs and INSTRUCTORS**

Please refer to the Collective Agreement at the following link:

<http://www.queensu.ca/vpac/FacultyRelations/psac/CollectiveAgreement/CAJuly711.pdf>