

Introduction to Soils in the Environment Lab (1 credit)

Course Details

Course delivery	Synchronous Lectures and Labs: Days: T & Th Times: 12-50-2:45 pm & 3:00-4:55pm Location: Bld 162, Rm 17 Participation: Attendance is Mandatory; see topic schedule. Course Management: https://elearning.ufl.edu/
Pre/Co-requisite	SWS3022 Introduction to Soils in the Environment (lecture).
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Teaching Assistant	TBD Graduate Research Assistants <i>Soil, Water, and Ecosystem Sciences Department</i>
How to Contact the Instructor: Do's and Don'ts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not contact me via Outlook (Gatormail). Your message will get buried in my inbox. 2. If the question can wait until your lab day/time, wait and ask during or after class 3. If you have an accommodation or observance, upload the appropriate paperwork/information into the Canvas Assignment "I have an accommodation or observance" 4. If the question refers to an absence or grade, use the Canvas Assignment "Student-Instructor Communication" 5. If you miss class due to extenuating circumstances, initiate an Instructor Notification with UF CARE. Google their website now and familiarize yourself with their services. 6. For all other questions, contact your instructor and TA through Canvas email. Expect up to a 5-business day delay.
Office Hours	After lab or schedule an appointment.

Objectives

- Visualize and measure essential soil physical, chemical, and morphological properties.
- Practice the concepts presented in the lecture course (SWS3022) through experiments, word problems, demonstrations, & calculations.

Course Assessments

.Lab Quizzes are taken at the beginning of lab. Prepare by reading the course materials and watching the short lecture videos.

These quizzes are to prepare you for lab.

- Closed notes.
- Completed individually.
- Quiz answers are reviewed during class and handed back the following week.

.Lab Participation is graded based on attendance, following directions, being engaged, and thoughtful reflection on your progress in the course. I will be looking for demonstration of teamwork and soft skills. Specific details provided during Lab 1.

.Lab Activity Assignments are completed using the handouts from that week's lab. These assignments are in a quiz format with questions that directly relate to lab content/calculations and that reinforce concepts practiced in lab. Some labs may require using online tools. These assignments are to help you understand your strengths and weaknesses within the materials, as well as to prepare for the midterm and final.

- Open notes.
- You may study with your classmates; however, each student submits their own work.
- Quiz answers are not available/viewable in Canvas. You must ask specific questions during lab about the materials you missed on the assignment.

.Exams. This course has two exams—**a midterm and a final**—that are based on the materials and activities covered in lab and within the course quizzes. The midterm includes two parts: (1) knowledge-based questions and calculations; and (2) a hands-on practical component. Make-up midterm exams are provided under extreme circumstances. The final is comprehensive with an emphasis on materials covered since the midterm. Physical presence in the lab is not required for the final. The final is entirely online as a Canvas Quiz. Neither exam is dropped from the final grade.

Assignments are weighted by group:

Group	Weight
Lab Quizzes	20%
Lab Participation	30%
Lab Activity Assignments	20%
Midterm	20%
Final	10%
Lessons	0%
Student-Instructor Communication Tools	0%
Total	100%

. **Absences & Missing Work.** Documentation is required for absences (except religious holidays), missed work, or inability to fully engage in class. Do not email the documentation to the instructor or TA. You must upload the documentation to the appropriate Canvas Assignment within the Student Instructor Communication Tools.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

Grades

The instructor reserves the right to **add 0-2 points to the final percentage score** based on meaningful lab participation, demonstrated student growth over the semester.

Letter Grade	Range
A	100% to 90%
B+	< 90% to 88%
B	< 88% to 80%
C+	< 80% to 78%
C	< 78% to 70%
D	< 70% to 68%
F	< 68% to 0%

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Refer to the [Orange Book](#) Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. Specifically, you are required to:

- Know the definition of plagiarism (also see the [UF library's guide on plagiarism](#));
- Use your own words in all your work (e.g., never cut and paste information from another source into an assignment or quiz or exam).
- Avoid the use of ChatGPT (or any generative AI program) unless instructed otherwise.

Topic Schedule

✓ Topics & dates may change. You will be notified through Canvas regarding any changes.

Date	Lab	Topic	In Lab	In Canvas
Introduction				
Aug-22		No Lab	---	---
Aug-27 & Aug-29	1	Fundamentals of Soil	Syllabus Quiz	Lab 1 Activity
Sep-3 & Sep-5	2	Soil Color	Lab 1 & 2 Quiz	Lab 2 Activity
Soil Physical Properties				
Sep-10 & Sep-12	3	Soil Texture	Lab 3 Quiz	Lab 3 Activity
Sep-17 & Sep-19	4	Soil Bulk Density	Lab 4 Quiz	Lab 4 Activity
Sep-24 & Sep-26		Synthesis: Texture & Bulk Density	TBD	TBD
Oct-1 & Oct-3	5	Soil Water Content	Lab 5 Quiz	Lab 5 Activity
Oct-8 & Oct-10	6	Soil Water Movement & Review	Lab 6 Quiz	Lab 6 Activity
Oct-15 & Oct-17		Midterm (covers Lab 1 to Lab 6)	Midterm	---
Chemical & Microbiological Properties				
Oct-22 & Oct-24	7	Soil Minerals & CEC	Lab 7 Quiz	Lab 7 Activity
Oct-29 & Oct-31	8	Soil Organic Matter	Lab 8 Quiz	Lab 8 Activity
Nov-5 & Nov-7	9	Soil pH & Acidity	Lab 9 Quiz	Lab 9 Activity
Nov-12 & Nov-14	10	Soil Testing	No Quiz	Lab 10 Activity
Wrap-Up & Final				
Nov-19 & Nov-21	11	Soil Ecology & Soil Formation	No Quiz	Lab 11 Activity
Nov-26 & Nov-28		University Holiday!		
Dec-3		Optional office hours	---	WSS Activity
Dec-10 & Dec-12		Final's Week.	---	Final Exam

*Physical Presence Required for Labs 1-11 and Midterm.

Additional Information

Online Course Evaluation Process

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

Software Use

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Publishing class lectures

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. Students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session. Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited.

To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third-party note/tutoring services.

Additional Resources

Health and Wellbeing

- Services for Students with Disabilities: Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center. [Click here to get started with the Disability Resource Center](#). It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.
- U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit U Matter, We Care website to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.
- Counseling and Wellness Center: Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.
- Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or visit the Student Health Care Center website.
- University Police Department: Visit UF Police Department website or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).
- UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608; Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website.
- GatorWell Health Promotion Services: For prevention services focused on optimal wellbeing and academic success, visit the GatorWell website or call 352-273-4450.

Academic Resources:

- E-learning technical support: Contact the UF Computing Help Desk at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu. Visit the [helpdesk website](#).
- Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.
- Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance with the libraries or finding resources.
- Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352-392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
- Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
- Student Complaints On-Campus: Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information. On-Line Students Complaints: View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process.