Plants & Human Affairs

BOT2800c – Dr. Norman Douglas

Most people never give a second thought to the role of plants in our lives. Come discover how plants have adapted to us, and we to them! This course explores how people depend on plants, and how plants have shaped our history and culture, and our politics, ecology, and health. We'll learn about the natural history of wheat and how it becomes bread, the botanical motivations for the Voyages of Discovery, and the fascinating ways that evolution has equipped plants powerful chemicals that provide us essential medicines. Plus, there's a lab with hands-on activities demonstrating traditional and modern uses of plants!

Class meets Tues & Thurs Period 10 (5:10 – 6:00 PM). One lab meeting per week (Thurs or Fri). Biological Science course for general education reqs. Approved Additional Life Science (ALS) for CLAS BIO-PRO majors. For more information, email <u>nadouglas@ufl.edu</u>