

Newsletter Semester Two 2019

May 2019

Study your Diploma in Horticulture in the Bay of Plenty

Key points to note for Semester Two:

- Classes start on Tuesday 16 July 2019.
- Papers offered are Plant Health and Plant Studies.

Please let us know what papers you intend to enrol in for Semester Two by phoning 07 928 5350 or emailing Wendy Bradley (wendybradley@fruition.net.nz). For enrolment and re-enrolment forms please contact Wendy.

Papers Offered - Semester Two 2019 and Semester One 2020

Tauranga	First Year Papers	Date/Time	Venue
Semester 2 2019	BIOS 022R – Plant Health (15 credits)	Tues 16 July 2019 4.30 – 6.20pm	TBC
	PLSC 021R – Plant Studies (15 credits)	Tues 16 July 2019 6.30 – 8.20pm	As above.
Semester 1 2020	HORT 022R – Propagation and Nursery (15 credits)	Tues 21 Jan 2020 (TBC) 4.30 – 6.20pm	As above.
	MGMT 026R – Horticultural Management Systems A (15 credits)	Tues 21 Jan 2020 (TBC) 6.30 – 8.20pm	As above.

Further details of the contents of the Semester Two 2019 papers follows:

BIOS 022R – Plant Health

This course will cover:

- An introduction to the biology and management of pest and pathogenic organisms of horticultural crops.
- An introduction to agrichemicals, their safe and efficient use.
- Common pests and diseases in horticultural crops, their development, spread and control.

Wendy Bradley will tutor this paper.

PLSC 021R – Plant Studies

This is a paper that really gets to the nub of plant production. If you want to understand more about how to achieve better dry matter in kiwifruit or manage biennial bearing in avocados you absolutely must understand how plants function.

This course will cover:

- An introduction to the process of plant identification.
- Plant morphology, classification, nomenclature and plant keys.
- Plant structure, plant growth and plant functions.
- Factors influencing plant growth.
- Plant life cycles and the plant kingdom.
- Plant ecology including concepts of energy flows and ecosystem dynamics.

Ruth Underwood will tutor this paper.

Free fees

If this is the first time you are doing tertiary study, you could be eligible for fees-free study.

Wendy can email further details to you if you think you are eligible or check it out at <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>

Credit for National Certificate in Horticulture (NCH) (L4) Units (recognition for prior learning)

Lincoln University and the Primary ITO have an agreement that allows for the transfer of credits gained as unit standards for some Lincoln University Diploma papers and vice versa. If you have been training at a Polytech or in the industry for the NCH (L4), or you have completed a qualification at a NZ University send a copy of your Record of Learning to Lincoln University and you may get a pleasant surprise. Contact Lana Williams, email ana.williams@lincoln.ac.nz or phone 03 423 0098. **The earlier you start this process the better, we suggest you do this now if it is applicable to you as it may mean one less paper is required for you to do to complete the Diploma.**

Scholarships

There are many Lincoln University Scholarships available for Diploma in Horticulture students, especially for students new to Lincoln, <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Scholarships/>. Also, Horticulture NZ offer Industry Trainee Scholarships and we have had a number of recent students successful – these are offered annually so check out the Horticulture NZ web page <http://www.hortnz.co.nz/our-work/people/>

Fees, loans and allowances

Course fees for the papers on offer for Semester 2, 2019 are \$877 per paper including GST plus an additional annual student services levy of \$60 (incl GST). The course fee is payable at the time of enrolment to confirm your place on the course. If your employer is paying include an address on your enrolment form so Lincoln can send the invoice directly to your employer. If interested in payment options and all fees chargeable, <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Whats-it-going-to-cost/Fees-Tuition/>

For loans and allowances <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Whats-it-going-to-cost/Financial-Assistance/>

Evaluation feedback

At the completion of each semester we seek feedback in the form of evaluations of the tutors and the courses. We value this feedback and where we can we take it on board and do our utmost to improve what we need to and continue to deliver what we are doing well. In relation to our latest semester papers (Soils and Computing and Communication) the things we can work on and help to improve are:

Soils:

- 100% of students rated the tutor as being excellent. No additional comments were provided.
- No comments were given regarding the course – in general all agreed with the quality of the course material.

Computing & Communications:

- 33% rated the tutor to be excellent, the remaining 67% felt the tutor was usually effective. The areas we will look at as tutors for future courses are: to be clear about session objectives and to ensure assessment requirements are clear.
- As to the quality of the course – 67% of responses strongly agreed with this statement and 33% were neutral. This may relate to the fact that it was felt feedback on assessments was limited – Lincoln are very aware of our need for this area to be improved.
- In general, the workbook was found to be useful, yet some material was considered out of date. For example, the use of Google docs and sheets was not included. As follow-up, the Lincoln tutor/examiner was new to the paper this year and has already commented that they believe there are still improvements they can make to the material.

Practical Work

To complete your Diploma in Horticulture you need to complete a practical work report. You do not need to consider completing this report until you are near completion of all eight Diploma papers. For assistance and details on this report contact Barbara Nicholson, email barbara.nicholson@lincoln.ac.nz. Fruition Horticulture (BOP) also have some information that may be helpful to you when it comes to preparing the report. Contact wendybradley@fruition.net.nz

Other Training

Fruition Horticulture offers several other training programmes – visit our webpage <http://www.fruition.net.nz/we-offer/training/>

Keeping in touch – Facebook

Please join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FruitionHort> - another mode of communication for keeping up to date.

Cleansing our Database

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know by emailing admin@fruition.net.nz.

- **Mark Tuesday 16 July 2019 in your diary now!**
- **Contact Wendy for an enrolment or re-enrolment form and get this into Lincoln ASAP**