

Newsletter Semester Two 2021

June 2021

Study your Diploma in Horticulture in the Bay of Plenty

Key points to note

- Results for Semester 1 papers available online from **Wednesday 7 July 2021**.
- Semester 2 classes start on **Tuesday 20 July 2021**.
- Semester 2 papers offered are **Plant Health** and **Plant Studies**.
- **Fees continue to be free** for the Diploma study until 31 December 2022.

Please let us know what papers you intend to enrol in for Semester Two by emailing Wendy Bradley (wendybradley@fruition.net.nz) or phone 07 928 5350. If enrolling for the first time, follow this link on the Lincoln University webpage <https://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Apply/> or contact Wendy Bradley for the enrolment details. If an existing student and re-enrolling contact Wendy for the re-enrolment form.

Papers Offered - Semesters Two 2021 & Semester One 2022

Tauranga	First Year Papers	Date/Time	Venue
Semester 2 2021	BIOS 022R – Plant Health (15 credits)	Tues 20 July 2021 – 4.30 – 6.20pm	Fruition's Training Venue, upstairs at 2 Palmer Place (off Jellicoe Street), Te Puke.
	PLSC 021R – Plant Studies (15 credits)	Tues 20 July 2021 – 6.30 – 8.20pm	As above.
Semester 1 2022	HORT 022R – Propagation and Nursery (15 credits)	Tues 18 Jan 2022 – 4.30 – 6.20pm	As above.
	MGMT 026R – Horticultural Management Systems A (15 credits)	Tues 18 Jan 2022 – 6.30 – 8.20pm	As above.

Further details of the contents of the Semester Two 2021 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.



Our Diploma student Toni Morrison (right) with tutor Wendy Bradley at Toni's recent Covid-delayed Lincoln graduation – Christchurch May 21

Proud of Toni graduating with distinction for her Diploma.

Free fees

Lincoln University currently offer **free fees to domestic students** for three of its sub-degree programmes which includes the **Diploma in Horticulture** from **July 2020 until December 2022**. This is due to the Government's Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund. An even better time to study the Diploma in Horticulture as you will not pay anything if you complete the study in the two years (which is possible when studying 2 papers per semester).

Fees, loans, and allowances

Currently there are no course fees for the Diploma in Horticulture study.

Scholarships

Whilst fees are free to assist you with other study related expenses there are many Lincoln University Scholarships available the following link provides details of scholarships specifically available for those studying the Diploma in Horticulture

<https://www.lincoln.ac.nz/study/Qualifications/Qualification/?QualCode=d.horticulture>.

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 lane.williams@lincoln.ac.nz or phone 03 423 0098. **We suggest you do this now if it is applicable to you as it may mean one less paper to study to complete the Diploma.**

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 thank those who complete it. The responses are completely anonymous. In relation to our latest semester papers (Computing & Communication, and Soils & Soil Management) the feedback has been summarised:

Some students would prefer classes to be in Tauranga but given current numbers it is way more comfortable to be able to do these at our Te Puke classroom even if for some it means more travel (including for the tutors). We are sure this is better than working in a confined space, especially with Covid.

Computing & Communications (Tutor - Phoebe Scherer):

Overall students rated the tutor and course well - points we were asked to improve on from our mid semester survey were to clarify differences between labs and assignments and provide examples of what is expected for assignments. Some learners found the speed of the Kahoot quiz challenging – just remember they are only one tool used to help students review.

From the final evaluation – it was good to know students found LEARN (Lincoln's [Moodle](#) site) helpful and nice to know the tutors were appreciated.

Soils & Soil Management (Tutor – Ruth Underwood):

Students in general rated the course and tutor well. Points we will take on board include the addition of a field trip to see soils in depth and face to face, have regular review tests and visit potential exam questions early on. It was requested we share results of tests, etc – this is a university policy and out of our control. Where it is possible to provide feedback, we will.

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

Keeping in touch – Facebook

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

Nelson Diploma study in 2021

The Lincoln University Diploma in Horticulture study is also available as a regional programme in Nelson. The papers on offer in semester 2, 2021 are:

PLSC 021 Plant Studies (15 credits) starts week of 19 July 2021.

MGMT 027R – Horticultural Management Systems B (15 credits) starts week of 19 July 2021.

If you know of anyone in this region who might be keen to study the Lincoln University Level 5 Diploma in Horticulture please have them contact GregDryden@fruition.net.nz or MikeNelson@fruition.net.nz phone 03 547 3959.

Level 6 – Fruition Diploma in Horticulture Production

Do you want to extend your skills and knowledge in horticulture or have a qualification that adds a horticultural lens to your existing qualification? We are offering a **Fruition Diploma in Production Horticulture (Level 6) starting on Wednesday 20 October 2021**. The programme will be broken into 6 x 20 credit papers taught over 2 years. Programme details including graduate outcomes and the six papers offered can be sourced from <https://fruition.ac.nz/programmes/level-6>

To enrol online please complete the form provided in this link: <https://fruition.ac.nz/enrol-level-6>

Cleansing our Database

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

- **Mark Tuesday 20 July 2021 in your diary now for the L5 Diploma in Horticulture semester 2 start date in Tauranga.**
- **Contact Wendy for an enrolment or re-enrolment form (wendybradley@fruition.net.nz) for the Level 5 Diploma in Horticulture in Tauranga.**
- **Contact Greg (gregdryden@fruition.net.nz) if keen to study the Level 5 Diploma in Horticulture in Nelson.**
- **Mark Wednesday 20 October 2021 in your diary for the L6 Fruition Diploma in Horticulture Production start date and click on this link to enrol <https://fruition.ac.nz/enrol-level-6>**