



# Welcome to Plant Genomics & Biotechnology

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## Overview

The goal of Hort 480 Plant Genomics and Biotechnology is to develop an understanding of the genetics, genomics, and biotechnology of plants, and the ways in which this information can be utilized for crop improvement. This will be accomplished through a study of plant genomics and biotechnology, along with the investigation of current methods, approaches and techniques.

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- New to Canvas? Visit the **Canvas Student Guide** [↗\(https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701-canvas-student-guide-table-of-contents/\)](https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-10701-canvas-student-guide-table-of-contents/).
- Review the **Tips for Success** tab on this page.
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- Read the **Syllabus** [↗\(https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/assignments/syllabus\)](https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/assignments/syllabus) thoroughly.
- Note the **required materials** and make sure you acquire what you need as soon as possible.
- Familiarize yourself with the **Course Schedule** and create a study plan. Check out the Canvas tools that can assist you with this, e.g. the **Calendar**, **Syllabus** [↗\(https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/assignments/syllabus\)](https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/assignments/syllabus), **Announcements** [↗\(https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/announcements/\)](https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/announcements/), etc.
- Select the **Help** icon on the left-hand side to view support resources from Canvas and WSU.
- **ACCESS** the course space early and often.
- **MANAGE** your time: Create a detailed timeline or outline of all required activities to make sure that deadlines are met.
  - Be proactive. Get started on assignments early. You never know when life might get in the way, including technology problems.

**COMMUNICATE:** Use **Discussions** [↗\(https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/discussion\\_topics\)](https://wsu.instructure.com/courses/1734579/discussion_topics) to communicate with your instructor and fellow classmates. You are not alone in this class—reach out for assistance when you need it!

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