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**Course Title: Introductory Entomology**  
**Course Number: ENTM 2050**  
**Department of Entomology**  
**Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences**



**University  
of Manitoba**

**Academic Session:** Fall 2023

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Prerequisites:** None

**Location:**

*Lecture:* 220 Animal Science/Entomology building

*Lab:* 203 Animal Science/Entomology building

**Meeting Days and Class Hours:**

*Lecture:* Tuesday Thursday 11:30 pm – 12:45 pm

*Lab:* Monday 2:30 pm – 5:25 pm

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**Course Description**

**Undergraduate Calendar Description**

**An introductory course in insect biology suitable for students of biology, environment, or agriculture, and for those planning to take more advanced courses in entomology.** The course emphasizes the diversity in form and function of insects from various perspectives. After an introduction to adaptations in basic anatomy, patterns of growth and development, and physiological and behavioural processes, the ecological roles of insects are examined. Special consideration is given to adaptations of soil arthropods and of insects in aquatic ecosystems, and to relationships of insects with plants and vertebrates. The biological control potential of predators, parasitoids and pathogens of insects is analyzed. Laboratory sessions parallel lecture material and emphasize field identification and basic biology of common families of insects. Fall term, offered every year. Lectures and laboratory.

**Instructional Methods**

In person. Lectures focus on insect biology and ecology while the labs promote hands-on learning about insect diversity and identification.

## Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

This course examines insect biology and ecology, with an emphasis on the diversity of form and function observed in insects.

Course objectives include:

- Gain an appreciation of the diversity and importance of insects.
- Relate insect form to function in the environment.
- Develop skill in critical appraisal and communication of primary scientific literature.
- Develop the knowledge required for insect identification.

## Description of Examinations

**Lecture:** There is one midterm, worth 20% and a cumulative final examination worth 30%. Both tests focus on course content covered in the lecture portion of the course.

**Lab:** There are 2 lab exams, worth up to 40% of your course grade. Lab exam 1 is worth 15%, and the final cumulative lab examination is worth 25%. Lab exams test knowledge of insect biology, ecology and identification covered during the lab portion of the course.

## Description of Assignments

**Lecture:** Students must write a paper discussing the biology and economic importance of a family of insects of their choice. The paper is worth 10%. For full assignment details and a grading rubric see the term paper handout.

## Assignment Due Dates:

Term paper..... November 20, 2023 (See assignment handout for prior deadlines)

## Grade Evaluation

Midterm.....	20%
Final.....	30%
Term paper.....	10%
Lab exams.....	40% (2 in total, 15% and 25% respectively)

## Letter Grade Equivalency:

A+ = >90%; A=80-89%; B+ =75-79%; B=70-74%; C+=65-69%; C=60-64%; D=50-59%; F=<50%.

## Important Dates

First day of course.....	September 7, 2023
Voluntary withdrawal date.....	November 21, 2023
Fall Term Break.....	November 13-17, 2023
Final day of course.....	December 7, 2023
Exam period.....	December 12 – 22, 2023

## Texts, Readings, Materials

### Optional Text:

Gullan, P.J. and Cranston, P.S. 2014. The Insects: An Outline in Entomology. 5th ed. Blackwell Science. Oxford. 565 pp.

# **Course Philosophy and Policies**

## **Students' Learning Responsibilities**

Students should approach this course with academic integrity, take responsibility for their actions and honor their academic commitments. Regular attendance to lectures and labs is essential for success in this course. Students are encouraged to ask for assistance whenever they feel it is necessary. Students should treat their fellow students with respect and foster a cooperative learning environment where other's ideas are heard and discussed.

## **Why this course is useful?**

Insects are an incredibly diverse and important invertebrate group. Insects influence all aspects of human life to a greater or lesser extent. This course provides a broad overview of insect biology and ecology, which enables students to appreciate the important role that insects play in the structuring and functioning of terrestrial and freshwater aquatic ecosystems. This course is useful for students pursuing careers in entomology, agriculture, ecology, biology, forestry, horticulture, pest control, or conservation.

## **How does this course fit into the curriculum?**

This course is designed to provide a foundation of insect biological and ecological knowledge to support learning in further upper-level entomology courses offered by the department. ENTM 2050 is a prerequisite for ENTM 4280 Aquatic Entomology, ENTM 4500 Insect Taxonomy and Morphology, and ENTM 4520 Physiological Ecology of Insects. It is also recommended that students complete this course prior to enrolling in ENTM 3180 Field Techniques in Entomology.

## **Inquiries to Instructor**

Students are encouraged to contact their instructor by e-mail or phone whenever assistance is required. You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

## **UM Learn ([UM Learn portal](#))**

Course materials (i.e. lecture notes, lab handouts) will be uploaded to UM Learn, it is your responsibility to learn how to access this page.

## **Late or Missed Assignments**

Penalties for late submission of assignments are 10% of the maximum grade per day late. For assignments submitted electronically, the timestamp/date when the e-mail is received into my inbox, or the assignment is uploaded to UM Learn, will be used as the assignment submission date. Assignments submitted ten or more days late will receive a mark of zero.

When an assignment is missed due to an extenuating circumstance (See: [temporary student absence form](#)), or with prior written approval from the course instructor, a new due date for the assignment must be arranged by contacting the instructor. False declarations on the temporary student absence form are considered a breach of academic integrity and can result in discipline. Further documentation may be requested for absences/study disruptions of longer than 3 days and in cases in which a student has made multiple requests for temporary absences.

## **Missed midterm exam**

When a midterm exam is missed due to an extenuating circumstance (See: [temporary student absence form](#)), or with prior written approval from the course instructor, the marks allocated for the midterm exam will re-allocated to the final exam. False declarations on the temporary student absence form are considered a breach of academic integrity and can result in discipline.

## **Recording of Classes**

All synchronous online lab sessions will be recorded and posted. Jordan Bannerman holds copyright over the course materials, presentations and lectures which form part of this course. No additional audio or video recording of lectures or presentations is allowed in any format without Jordan Bannerman's permission. Course materials, both paper and digital, are for the participant's private study and research only, and are not to be distributed to others.

## Academic Integrity

Plagiarism or any other form of cheating in examinations, term tests or academic work is subject to serious [academic discipline](#). Cheating on examinations or tests may take the form of copying from another student or using unauthorized materials during an exam. Academic misconduct on exams and assignments can also include unauthorized use of artificial intelligence bots/language learning models, impersonation, duplicate submission, and inappropriate collaboration. A student found guilty of contributing to cheating in examinations or assignments is also subject to serious academic discipline. Electronic detection tools may be used to screen assignments in cases of suspected academic misconduct. False declarations on the temporary student absence form are also considered a breach of academic integrity and can result in discipline. Students should acquaint themselves with the University's academic integrity policies at <http://umanitoba.ca/student-supports/academic-supports/academic-integrity>

## Course schedule, Fall 2023

Week	Date	Tentative lecture topics	Lab topics
1	Sept 7	Introduction	No Lab
2	Sept 12	Anatomy, form, and function	No Lab
	Sept 14	Anatomy, form, and function	
3	Sept 19	Taxonomy and classification	Insect morphology
	Sept 21	Growth, development	
4	Sept 26	Life history – survival under adversity	Insect orders
	Sept 28	Communication + Reproduction	
5	Oct 3	Evolution	<b>No Lab - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation</b>
	Oct 5	Movement	
6	Oct 10	Ground-dwelling insects	<b>No Lab - Thanksgiving</b>
	Oct 12	Forensic entomology	
7	Oct 17	Aquatic entomology	Odonata, Orthoptera and other orders
	Oct 19	<b>Midterm</b>	
8	Oct 24	Insects and plants - herbivory	Hemiptera
	Oct 26	Predator and parasitoids	
9	Oct 31	Insect defense and mimicry	Lab exam 1 (15%), Oct 30 Lepidoptera
	Nov 2	Parasites and pathogens of insects	
10	Nov 7	Social insects	Coleoptera
	Nov 9	Insects and plants - pollination	
11	Nov 14	<b>Fall Break</b>	<b>No Lab - Remembrance Day</b>
	Nov 16	<b>Fall Break</b>	
12	Nov 21	Insect invaders	Diptera
	Nov 23	Insect pest management	
13	Nov 28	Insect pest management - biocontrol	Hymenoptera
	Nov 30	Climate change	
14	Dec 5	Insects of human medical importance	Lab exam 2 (25%), Dec 4
	Dec 7	Insects of veterinary importance	