

FAQ: Lectures and Lecture Quizzes

In-person Lectures

Make it your habit to attend our in-person lectures in Call Auditorium. It will keep you on track in the class. You must be present to participate in individual and group lecture quizzes and Thursday discussion questions, which count toward your grade.

Before each lecture, watch the corresponding **CORE Concepts video**. This is the set of knowledge tested on the individual and group lecture quizzes.

There is no live zoom lecture; come in person to participate. You **cannot make up in-lecture active learning quizzes** and group questions— please see the **Syllabus** (<https://canvas.cornell.edu/courses/62671/pages/welcome-to-magical-mushrooms-and-syllabus>) for how many you can miss.

I'll post a recording of each lecture to the Lectures Module within 24h. so you can view them if you miss a lecture, and to study for exams. They will remain accessible throughout the course.

Lecture Quizzes

Before each lecture, visit the relevant Lecture page in the **Lectures module**. View the Lecture CORE Concepts video -- it will be tested on the Lecture Quiz.

At the start of every Tues & Thurs lecture you'll complete two "closed book" quizzes: an individual lecture quiz that tests your own knowledge (via iClicker), and a group lecture quiz (via Canvas). **You have 5 minutes to complete the quiz.** Thursday lectures end with a group discussion question.

If you miss a quiz, you cannot make it up.

Not even for computer failure, illness, airplanes, athletics, lost clickers, late adds, or emergencies. However, only **your best 17 individual quizzes out of 21** count toward your final grade -- each of those accounts for only 0.647% of your lecture grade. Your highest 17 of 21 individual quiz scores; all group quiz scores; and your highest 10 of 11 Thursday discussion question scores are counted toward your grade in the class. Altogether, quizzes together make up 20% of your grade for PLSCI 2010, or 13.2% of your grade for PLSCI 2013 students.

Lecture Pages, Exams

Each lecture gets its own page in the Lectures module. There you'll find the core knowledge video to watch *before* lecture, and the recording of the live lecture (posts 24h after each lecture), plus optional bonus info.

Our **Exams page** (<https://canvas.cornell.edu/courses/62671/modules/items/2391037>) provides dates and details for each exam.

All those scientific NAMES!

If I talk for more than a couple of slides about a particular fungus, then I expect you to learn its name. Same for the names of mycologists I talk about. If I show a nice mushroom or mold in passing, you don't have to know its name. I include names because some students are keen on learning them. So you don't need to remember Rostafinski, or *Boomeranga*, or *Pezoloma kathiae*, but you certainly should know about Linnaeus, Micheli, and *Phytophthora* (for e.g.). On exams, we are not so concerned about spelling errors, so long as we can understand what you mean.

Also keep in mind: Latin is a dead language. Some will insist there's a "right way" to pronounce them; those people are usually not mycologists. The way I say them is one common way, but you know what? Just say them boldly and confidently in your own way—you're a mycologist now too!

Rules

You may not share our lecture materials with others outside the class.

In-lecture Individual Group and Lecture Quizzes are "closed book." You may not consult study materials while taking the quizzes. You must be present in our lecture hall to participate in Quizzes and Discussion Questions.

Please don't cheat on our exams.