



Jordan University of Science and Technology
Faculty of Pharmacy
Pharmacy Department

PHAR535 Poisonous Plants - JNQF Level: 7
First Semester 2024-2025

Course Catalog
3 Credit Hours. This course provides students with an opportunity to study several aspects related to many important poisonous, hallucinogenic, and narcotic plants. Topics include identifying poisonous plants, poisonous compounds, mechanisms of toxicity, clinical signs of poisoning, treatment, and prevention.
Teaching Method: On Campus

Text Book	
Title	Handbook of Poisonous and Injurious Plants
Author(s)	Lewis S. Nelson, Michael J. Balick
Edition	3rd Edition
Short Name	Ref # 1
Other Information	

Course References

Short name	Book name	Author(s)	Edition	Other Information
Ref # 2	CRC World Dictionary of Medicinal and Poisonous Plants	Umberto Quattrocchi	1st Edition	
Ref # 3	Plant Toxins	P. Gopalakrishnakone, Celia Regina Carlini, Rodrigo Ligabue-Braun	1st Edition	
handouts	handouts	handouts	1st Edition	

Instructor	
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Class Schedule & Room	
Section 1: Lecture Time: Sun, Tue, Thu : 11:30 - 12:30 Room: M1302	

Prerequisites		
Line Number	Course Name	Prerequisite Type
304331	PHAR433 Phytotherapy	Prerequisite / Study

Tentative List of Topics Covered		
Weeks	Topic	References
Weeks 1, 2, 3, 4	1) Poisonous Plants: a) Introduction and General principles of plant toxins b) Poisonous Plants as Sources of Traditional and Modern Medicines c) Drugs in Clinical Practice from Poisonous Plants d) Examples of poisonous plants: Anticholinergics, Poison Hemlock, Harmal, Ricinus Communis, Plants containing Cardiac glycosides	
Weeks 4, 5, 6, 7	2) Hallucinogens a) Introduction and fundamentals b) Classification of hallucinogens c) Examples of hallucinogens: Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Khat and synthetic cathinones, LSD, Magic Mushrooms, Cannabis and synthetic cannabinoids, Opium	

Mapping of Course Outcomes to Program Outcomes and NQF Outcomes	Course Outcome Weight (Out of 100%)	Assessment method
Illustrate the basic scientific concepts and principles underlying Poisonous, hallucinogenic and narcotic plants. [1PLO1.1] [1L7K1]	10%	
Recognize and classify various Poisonous plants and hallucinogens. [1PLO1.1] [1L7K1]	10%	
Analyze the chemical composition of toxic principles associated with poisonous plants and hallucinogens, exploring their active constituents and their mechanisms of action. [1PLO1.1] [1L7K1]	15%	

Evaluate the potential health risks associated with exposure to Poisonous plants and hallucinogens (characteristic clinical symptoms caused by each plant, the precautions, basic management, first aid in case of poisoning, and to select the appropriate antidote for treatment for plant toxicity) [1PLO2.1] [1L7K1]	45%	
Evaluate the pharmacological effects and potential therapeutic application of phytochemicals derived from Poisonous plants and hallucinogens, exploring their relevance in medical practice. [1PLO2.2] [1L7K1, 1L7S2]	10%	
Engage in scientific discussions and collaborative projects focused on exploring Poisonous plants and hallucinogens. [1PLO2.3, 1PLO3.6] [1L7S2, 1L7C1]	10%	

PLO1.1	PLO2.1	PLO3.2	PLO3.3	PLO2.2	PLO2.3	PLO2.4	PLO3.1	PLO3.4	PLO3.5	PLO3.6	PLO4.1	PLO4.2	PLO4.3	PLO4.4	PLO5.1	PLO-PT1.1	PLO-PT2.1	PLO-PT2.2	PLO-PT3.1	
35	45			10	5					5										

Relationship to NQF Outcomes (Out of 100%)		
L7K1	L7S2	L7C1
85	10	5

Policy	
Communicating with Instructors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students should communicate through their official JUST emails. Communication through personal email accounts (yahoo, Gmail, Hotmail, etc.) or social media will NOT be accepted, and no response will be provided. - Students are required to check their emails and the E-learning page of the course regularly for announcements and notifications.
Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All exams are closed books and notes. - The final exam is comprehensive (covers all the material). - The first, second, and midterm incomplete exams need approval from the departments? heads. - The final incomplete exams need approval from the dean.
Cheating	<p>Prohibited; The commitment of the acts of cheating and deceit such as copying during examinations, altering examinations for re-grade, plagiarism of homework assignments, and in any way representing the work of others as your own is dishonest and will not be tolerated. Standard JUST policy will be applied.</p> <p>بالغش فتوقع عل?? العقوبات التال?ة مجتمعة المادة 7: إذا ضبط الطالب أثناء الامتحان أو الاختبار ملتصقاً في ذلك الامتحان أو الاختبار أ- اعتباره راسباً. ب- الغاء تسج?ل? في بق?ة المساقف المسجل ل? في ذلك الفصل. ??-ج- فصل? من الجامعة لمدة فصل دراسي واحد، و? الفصل التالي للفصل الذي ضبط ف?</p>
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attendance is mandatory and will be recorded regularly. - Excellent attendance is expected. - Students who miss more than 20% of the classes will be dropped from the course as per JUST policy. - If you miss class, it is your responsibility to find out about any announcements or assignments you may have missed.
Active learning and students participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are expected to actively participate in class discussions
Withdraw	Last day to drop the course is before the sixth (6th) week of the current semester.
Classroom Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Respect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Respect people, places, and things. o Raise your hand to speak. o Listen respectfully. o Food and drink are not permitted in class. o Do not engage in aside conversations. - Participation or Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Do not hesitate to ask questions at any time, especially if you are unsure of something. o Listen to other students' questions to avoid asking the same question five minutes later. o Allow your classmates to participate in class discussions and refrain from taking advantage of all opportunities for active participation. - Cell Phones and Electronic Devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Texting is not permitted in class. o The use of cell phones, smartphones, or other mobile communication devices is disruptive and is therefore prohibited during class without permission. o Your phone should be turned off. If you must keep your phone on, you should set it to vibrate or silent mode and leave class if you receive an emergency call. o Except in emergencies, those using such devices must leave the classroom for the remainder of the class period. o Do not use your laptop in class for browsing the Internet or using social media while in class. - Missing a Class <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Do not miss classes. It is not appropriate to ask the professor if you missed anything important if you miss class. Obviously, something of importance was missed, you missed a whole class! o Whenever you are absent from class, it is your responsibility to make up the work and to get notes, not your professor?s. o If you need to leave early, notify the instructor. - Be Punctual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Make sure you arrive to class on time

Email Etiquette	<p>Type your email in the body of the email NOT in the subject line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Provide a clear subject line. Keep it short and to the point, but not vague. Name, class, and what the email is specifically about should be in the subject line.- Body of the email: Your emails should always start with a formal greeting like you would in a letter, be brief (one screen length), check your spelling/grammar/punctuation, use a professional font (not decorative), and include a salutation aligned with your message (Thank you or Sincerely).- Avoid sending an email to your professor asking about grades or complaining about them. Schedule an appointment to meet in person to discuss areas for improvement if you have inquiries.- Consider the impression your tone will make in the email. It is recommended waiting 24 hours before sending an email or responding to an email if you are emotionally charged.- It is not appropriate to write in ALL CAPS. This conveys the impression that you are shouting at the recipient.- Make sure you read and reread your email before sending it. Make sure your emails are grammatically correct, have proper titles, and are properly spelled.- If you have multiple questions or the message runs long, you might consider revising the message or scheduling a face-to-face meeting.- You should double-check your ATTACHMENTS. Refer to your attachments within the body of your email. It is advisable to avoid attaching large files and to consider sending the document as a PDF.- Please allow sufficient time for a response. The sender and receiver should both allow sufficient time. As a rule of thumb, 24 work hours should be given. If sending emails after official work hours or during formal vacations, a delay in response is expected. Following that, if no response is received, you can follow up.
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