

**Spring 2026 Syllabus (updated February 19, 2026)**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>INSTRUCTOR</b>
<b>Thursday</b> Jan 8, 2026	Tree Biology Suggested: <i>Chapter 2 of Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i>	Mr. Chris Donnelly
<b>Tuesday</b> Jan 20, 2026	Tree Identification <i>A Field Guide to Trees and Shrubs</i> (or similar guide)	Mr. Doug Pistawka
<b>Thursday</b> Jan 29, 2026	Tree – Soil Relationship Suggested: <i>Chapter 3 &amp; 6. Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i> Read: <i>ISA BMPs –Soil Management for Urban Trees &amp; Root Management</i>	Mr. Michael Almstead
<b>Thursday</b> Feb 5, 2026	Non-Parasitic Conditions of Trees Suggested: <i>Chapter 10, Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i>	Mr. Dan Dalton
<b>Tuesday</b> Feb 10, 2026	Insects That Feed on Trees Suggested: <i>Chapter 11 Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i>	Dr. Claire Rutledge
<b>Thursday</b> Feb 19, 2026	Diseases of Trees Suggested: <i>Chapter 12 Pirone's Tree Maintenance:</i> Read: <i>Disease Guide</i> (Dr. Douglas's book)	Dr. Yonghao Li
<b>Thursday</b> Feb 26, 2026	Integrated Pest Management – An Introduction Suggested: <i>Chapter 9 &amp; 13 Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i> Read: <i>ISA BMPs – Integrated Pest Management &amp; Tree Injections</i>	Mr. Chris Donnelly
<b>Thursday</b> Mar 5, 2026	<b>Tree Conditions Lab</b>	Several Instructors
<b>Thursday</b> Mar 12, 2026	Pruning, Cabling, and Bracing Suggested: <i>Chapter 7 &amp; 8, Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i> Read: <i>ANSI A300 (Parts 5 &amp; 7) with BMPs for Pruning &amp; Tree Support Systems</i>	Mr. Charlie Iselin
<b>Thursday</b> Mar 19, 2026	Tree Law, Tree Regulations and Pesticide Safety Read: <i>Pesticide Applicator Training Manual</i>	Ms. Amanda Varhol Dr. Srikanth Kodati
<b>Thursday</b> Mar 26, 2026	Safety Requirements Relating to Tree Maintenance Read: <i>ANSI Z133.1 (if available)</i>	Mr. Emmett Shutts
<b>Thursday</b> Apr 2, 2026	Implementing an IPM Program Suggested: <i>Chapter 9 &amp; 13 Pirone's Tree Maintenance</i>	Mr. Doug Williams
<b>Thursday</b> Apr 9, 2026	<b>Review Night</b> <i>Scenarios and Questions from Instructors</i>	All Available Instructors