

BOT 642 Seed Ecology بيئة البذور	
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COURSE INFORMATION	
Course code: BOT 642	Number of units: 2 (2+0)
Course Description: Soil as seed storage, Dynamics of seed reproduction in plants, Post-dispersal of seed and prior danger, Seed dormancy and its effects on germination. Example of seed dormancy and the strategy of seed, germination in desert and other habitats under natural conditions in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.	
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Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)	
– Recognize dynamics of seed reproduction in plants	
– Enumeration of seed biotechnologies	
– Definition of biological processes that deal with seed germination	
– Description of seed bank	
– Understanding the environmental conditions that impose dormancy and induce germination	
– Ability to express opinions and criticize peers	
– Ability to bear responsibility and cope with positive and negative criticism from others	
– Ability to use information media	
– Ability to research about scientific materials	
Course topics	
1. The seed	
2. Shapes and sizes of seeds	
3. Germination	
4. Factors affecting germination	
5. Dormancy	
6. water and Temperature	
7. Gases and light	
8. Osmotic pressure (π) and pH	
9. Salinity and marinating - drying	
10. Depth of placing seeds in the soil	
11. Seed warehouse in soil (seed bank) 1	

12. Seed warehouse in soil (seed bank) 2	
13. Seed technique 1	
14. Seed technique 2	
Assessment Tasks for Students	
Midterm exam	30
Course activities	30
Final exam	40
Total	100