**WOOD 280**
**Species description assignment (2017W)**

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| What is required? | A description of the anatomy, physical properties, mechanical properties, characteristics and uses of one particular wood species. Your individual species will be assigned in class.<br><br>Of particular importance are the connections that you make between the wood anatomy of the species and its properties and the connections that you make between the wood's properties and its uses. |
| Format required? | A 1000-1200 word report, generated by computer. The word count is based on the text in the body of the report (it does not include the bibliography or references section). Penalty marks will be deducted for reports that fall outside of this word range. |
| When is it due? | Friday November 24, 2017. (This is **not** the last week of term) |
| What is it worth? | 10% of your total course grade. |
| Where do I find reference material? | Start with the UBC Library website. You should find the call number for suitable texts from the website and retrieve the texts either from the main stacks, the reference stacks or from reserve. If you are unsure of how to find items in the library ask at the circulation desk of the relevant library. Use the first texts that you find on-line as a start; you might find a better book next to them on the library shelves. There are also many on-line sources of information about wood properties.<br><br>You should include at least two internet references and two text references in your report. One of the text references needs to be a physical book or report (not an online text). |
| Why are we doing this? | For a few reasons. Firstly, to try and give you an appreciation of how some of the properties of a wood species are directly related to its anatomical features. Secondly, to encourage you all to visit the library and find out how things work there, if you didn't already know. Thirdly, to practice web-based searches. |

| Marking scheme: | | | | | | | | |
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| | Anatomy | 4 | Properties | 4 | Uses | 4 | Links | 6 |
| | References | 4 | Presentation | 4 | Writing | 4 | TOTAL | 30 |

I have also attached a brief sheet on plagiarism and some potential resources to help you to avoid this practice.

**Plagiarism**

The following is an excerpt from the on-line UBC Calendar
(http://students.ubc.ca/calendar/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,959)

> **"3.1.1** Plagiarism occurs where an individual submits or presents the oral or written work of another person as his or her own. Scholarship quite properly rests upon examining and referring to the thoughts and writings of others. However, when another person's words or ideas are used, the author must be acknowledged in the text, in footnotes, in endnotes, or in another accepted form of academic citation. Where direct quotations are made, they must be clearly delineated (for example, within quotation marks or separately indented). Plagiarism encompasses situations in which there is no recognition given to the author for phrases, sentences, or ideas of the author incorporated in a work to situations in which an entire work is copied from an author, or composed by another person, and presented as original work. Plagiarism should not occur in submitted drafts or final works. A student who seeks assistance from a tutor or other scholastic aids must ensure that the work submitted is the student's own. Students are responsible for ensuring that any work submitted does not constitute plagiarism. Students who are in any doubt as to what constitutes plagiarism should consult their instructor before handing in any assignments."

A very useful website can be found at

> http://learningcommons.ubc.ca/resource-guides/avoiding-plagiarism/

This website contains information on what exactly plagiarism is, how it can be avoided and how it can be detected. It is really worth a read if you are uncertain as to how to properly cite other people's work and how to avoid the potential penalties associated with plagiarism.

**THE BOTTOM LINE**

As the UBC Calendar says – **if in doubt, consult your instructor**.

**WARNING**

Your papers will be submitted to Turnitin. This is an on-line service to which UBC subscribes. It permits instructors to submit electronic papers submitted by students to check if any of the content has been plagiarized from on-line sources. Be warned – Turnitin works! If you copy material from the web, you will be caught!!