Tropical Botany 2018

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Tropical Botany is an intensive course of study in the biology and systematics of tropical plants. The class is largely based on the extensive holdings of tropical vascular plants at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, The Kampong of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, University of Miami’s Gifford Arboretum, and the Montgomery Botanical Center. These gardens have the largest living collections of tropical plants in the United States. Additionally, field trips to the Florida Everglades, the Florida Keys, and adjacent natural areas are included. The natural vegetation of South Florida, which includes littoral and dry land habitats, mixed tropical hardwood hammocks, pinelands, and mangrove communities, introduces students to the diversity of tropical vegetation. For more information, please email tropics@fiu.edu