

# HERBARIUM PRACTICUM

Bot 3990, sect. 18 *Independent Study: Herbarium Practicum*  
Part of the *Oklahoma Biological Survey Internship Program*

Get academic credit for practical experience in plant collecting and in collections management working with the Robert Bebb Herbarium



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**Grading:** Bot 3990 is letter graded

**Credit:** 1-3 hours. Each hour of credit requires about 3 hours per week in the Bebb Herbarium of the University of Oklahoma, with a 3-credit hour maximum. At the end of the semester the student will write and turn in a 2 to 3-page summary of their experience.

**Prerequisites:** Bot 3534 (Flowering Plants) or similar coursework in systematic biology or experience with collecting and identifying plants. Permission of instructor is required.

**Schedule:** Schedules will be arranged individually.



## SAMPLE PROJECTS

- Processing specimens in the Bebb Herbarium
- Comparing curatorial practices among herbaria
- Conducting a plant survey by collecting plants of a particular group or in a particular area
- Compilation of a vascular plant list for a region
- Assessment of morphological variation in a group of plants
- Organizing the image or reprint collection of the Herbarium
- Assisting the Collections Manager with various activities

