

Basic Identification of Grasses

The University of Nevada Reno Herbarium, 23-24 March 2026

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This two-day short course covers the unique taxonomy associated with grasses and some grass-like plants. Basic terminology, dissection skills, and use of a key are critical elements of this class. We will cover not only how to identify grasses, but how to collect and press them for future reference or for the purpose of mailing to others for identification or verification. You can anticipate seeing about 50 different grass genera, along with various "grass-like" plants such as sedges and rushes. This class is for beginner through intermediate agrostologists.

This class may be taken for 1 unit of optional credit during any semester. Let the instructor know if you want to receive credit so you can obtain a class number. A requirement of receiving credit is turning in a plant collection. You must also pay the separate credit fees with UNR.

COST: \$ 170.00 non-student

\$ 90.00 student (fees for optional credit units are paid separately when you enroll with UNR for Spring or Fall semester).

This class will be offered Mon-Tues, MARCH 23-24, 2026.

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, with a one-hour lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00, daily.

Location: Room 300G, Fleischman Agriculture, UNR.

Hot water and some coffee and tea will be available in the classroom.

Sign up by emailing the instructor, Jerry Tiehm, at atiehm@unr.edu. Plan on bringing a check to class made out to Board of Regents.

The use of a credit card requires a person with signature authority to personally go to the UNR Cashier's office to transact the payment, or by faxing a form to the cashier's office.

Faxing directions: Print [this form](#), fill it out, and fax for a credit card payment; they do not accept email. Please also fax the course flyer. Select "Other" in response to "What is this payment for?" and in the description, write: "UNR Museum of Natural History course, PG 21796 RC 0093, see attached flyer. Please provide a receipt to (your email address)."

In person directions: The UNR Cashier's Office is located on the 3rd floor of the Student Services Building which sits between the Lawlor Parking Garage and the Church Fine Arts Building adjacent to Virginia Street. There is some metered parking on the side facing Virginia Street (as well as pay as you go parking on the bottom floor of the parking structure). Tell the cashier that you want to pay for a Herbarium short course with a credit card, take a copy of this short course flyer with you so they have a visual reference. Give them the following account numbers: PG 21796, RC 0093. Request a receipt and bring it to class!

If you are paying by purchase order, please let the instructor know in advance so the PO can be processed in a timely manner.

For more information please email atiehm@unr.edu or call 775-742-9180-C