

FYI: In case you know some folks who could benefit - this is the academic year that the alien species/ pest management courses are taught. This cycle is every other year so won't be back until 2010-2011. This fall we are offering Entomology and in the spring will be offering Weed Science and Plant Pathology. In the past we have had folks from MISC, Parks, USDA inspections etc take these classes. We also have an ID class on landscape plants which may also be helpful. Anyway if you know people who might be interested please pass along: Thanks, Ann

MCC Ag is offering two night classes that may be of interest to those in resource management, farming and the green industry,. On Wed. nights from 5:30-9 we are offering Insects and Their Control AG 174. Insects are always one of the management issues for landscapers, nurserymen, farmers and resource managers. This is a great class to learn more about them and to be able to answer client questions. We have a strong focus on common pests, beneficial insects and the most appropriate control measures. A really great bonus is our favorite entomologist and a fantastic source of knowledge - Mach Fukada - often stops into this class to check out our insects! On Monday nights from 5:30 -9:00 we are offering Ornamental Plant Materials AG 269 - we will review approximately 250 plants used in Landscapes on Maui - this is a great class if you see that plant but don't know what it really is! Or how it is used. Most of the emphasis is on exotics - natives, although included, are covered in greater detail in another class. Discussion of invasive properties - common plants that should not be used are illustrated.

Classes begin August 25th and run to December 17th. Resident Tuition for 3 credits is \$238 - which is a bargain for 15 weeks of instruction. You do not have to be a degree seeking student to take these classes and there are no prerequisites. You can just take one class or as many as your schedule can handle. You can even select an audit option if you don't want to do this for a credit grade. To register for classes there are a couple of hoops to jump thru: if you are not currently an MCC student 1) fill out an application form found at <http://maui.hawaii.edu/apply/applyNow.php> . Submit the application form. You will also have to get a TB clearance and an MMR clearance which the health center can provide for a minimal fee (call 984-3493). (I think you have some time early in the semester to get this done) 2) Register - this can also be done online - start the process by logging in to my UH portal - <https://myuhportal.hawaii.edu/cp/home/displaylogin> Seem complicated? - you can go down to Ho'okipa building and they can help you or call 984-3267. Need more information about the classes or help? - call Ann Emmsley at 984-3243 or 244-0699.