Genus: Hedera
Species: helix
Cultivar:
Family: Araliaceae

Common Name: English ivy
Origin: Europe, Western Asia, North Africa

Kind of Plant: Groundcover / Vine
Seasonal Habit: Evergreen

Growth Habit: Spreading
Height: 40 ft (as vine)

Light Needs: Sun, part shade, shade
Width: 40 ft (as vine)

Water Needs: Low - deep monthly watering in 6 hottest months.

Special Identifying Features
Leaves: Juvenile leaves 3 to 5 lobed, 4" wide and 2" long, dark dull green with light colored veins, adult leaves elliptic
Bark/Twig:

Flowers: Green in clusters on mature growth
Fruit: Small 1/4" black berries in clusters on mature growth

Disease(s): Leaf spot
Pest(s): Slugs, snails

Special Points: For groundcover, plant 1 to 1-1/2 ft apart. Needs water in full sun. Invasive but not as invasive as Algerian ivy, better for small spaces. Best in part shade. Cultivar 'Hahns' is common; very bushy (stems branch at tips). Smaller leaves and more delicate look than H. canariensis. Many cultivars available such as 'Needlepoint' and 'Minima'.

Campus Location: 1) Between Hoover Tower and Art Gallery, 2) Quad Portals, 3) Law School.