NATURAL RESOURCES (NRES)

NRES 800 Sampling, Data Management and Visualization
Prerequisites: Graduate standing is required.
Description: Implement best practices for scientific computing. Practice with a scientific workflow from the design of the sampling scheme, through generation of the data in the field or lab, up to the point of analysis. Understand cognitive constraints on visualization. Use modern software tools to produce publication quality data visualizations.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 801 Topics in Applied Ecology
Description: A survey of ecological and sociological frameworks used in the applied ecological research. Emphasis on fisheries and wildlife, grasslands, forests, aquatic habitats, and human dimensions of natural resources.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass
Offered: FALL

NRES 802 Aquatic Insects
Crosslisted with: BIOS 485, BIOS 885, ENTO 402, ENTO 802, NRES 402
Prerequisites: 12 hrs biological sciences.
Description: Biology and ecology of aquatic insects.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Prerequisite for: BIOS 485L, BIOS 885L, ENTO 402L, ENTO 802L, NRES 402L, NRES 802L

NRES 802L Identification of Aquatic Insects
Crosslisted with: BIOS 485L, BIOS 885L, ENTO 402L, ENTO 802L, NRES 402L
Prerequisites: Parallel ENTO 802, NRES 402/802, BIOS 485/885.
Description: Identification of aquatic insects to the family level.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 803 Ecological Statistics
Crosslisted with: STAT 803
Prerequisites: STAT 801 or equivalent; prior experience with "R" software
Notes: Available online.
Description: Model-based inference for ecological data, generalized linear and additive models, mixed models, survival analysis, multi-model inference and information theoretic model selection, and study design.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 804 Program Planning & Evaluation
Description: Learn concepts from the social sciences relevant to planning and evaluating education, extension, and behavior change programs and initiatives. Learn to develop an evaluation protocol and collect data for planning and evaluating programs.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING

NRES 805 Conservation Behavior
Description: Learn communication and social psychology theories and techniques to improve science communication, educational programs, and environmentally responsible behavior change.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 806 Plant Ecophysiology: Theory and Practice
Crosslisted with: AGRO 806, HORT 806, NRES 406, PLAS 406
Prerequisites: Junior standing; 4 hrs ecology; and 4 hrs botany or plant physiology.
Description: Principles of plant physiology which underlie the relationship between plants and their physical, chemical and biotic environments. An introduction to the ecological niche, limiting factors and adaptation. An overview of the seed germination and ecology, plant and soil water relations, nutrients, plant energy budgets, photosynthesis, carbon balance and plant-animal interactions. An introduction to various field equipment used in ecophysiological studies.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 807 Plant-Water Relations
Crosslisted with: AGRO 807
Prerequisites: AGRO 325 or equivalent; MATH 106 recommended
Description: Quantitative study of water relations in the soil-plant-atmosphere system. Basic physical processes, which describe the movement of water in the soil and the atmosphere, and the physiological processes, which describe water movement inside of the plant. Stomata physiology and the effects of internal water deficits on photosynthesis, respiration, nitrogen metabolism, cell division and cell enlargement. Results from integrative models used to study the relative importance of environmental versus physiological factors for several plant-environment systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 808 Microclimate: The Biological Environment
Crosslisted with: PLAS 408, GEOG 408, METR 408, NRES 408, AGRO 808, GEOG 808, HORT 808, METR 808
Prerequisites: Junior standing, MATH 106 or equivalent, 5 hrs physics, major in any of the physical or biological sciences or engineering.
Description: Physical factors that create the biological environment. Radiation and energy balances of earth's surfaces, terrestrial and marine. Temperature, humidity, and wind regimes near the surface. Control of the physical environment through irrigation, windbreaks, frost protection, manipulation of light, and radiation. Applications to air pollution research. Instruments for measuring environmental conditions and remote sensing of the environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Prerequisite for: BSEN 954, NRES 954

NRES 809 Laboratory Earth: Earth and Its Systems
Description: The earth as a system and the "real world" applications of fundamental physical science processes in this system. Interaction of energy and matter in the geosphere, in the hydrosphere, and in the atmosphere. The earth's relationships to the sun, moon, and other astronomical objects in the solar system.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 810 Landscape Ecology
Crosslisted with: HORT 812
Prerequisites: 12 hrs biological sciences or related fields including BIOS 320
Description: Spatial arrangements of ecosystems, the interaction among component ecosystems through the flow of energy, materials and organisms, and alteration of this structure through natural or anthropogenic forces.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 813 Environmental Leadership
Crosslisted with: ALEC 410, ALEC 810, NRES 413
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Notes: Offered on the World Wide Web (WWW) fall semester of odd-numbered years and in the classroom fall semester of even numbered-years.
Description: Major leaders in conservation and ecology that emphasizes agricultural and cultural issues and relationships with the environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 814 Laboratory Earth: Earth's Natural Resource Systems
Description: Fundamental concepts in the Earth and physical sciences in the understanding of Earth's natural resource systems. Rock and mineral, water, soil, and energy resources. Social factors, human dependence, and the impact of these on natural resource systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 815 GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: NRES 415
Description: Principles of digitizing earth observations. Manipulate spatial data, create maps, and conduct spatial analyses. Use GIS to analyze and solve real-world questions in agriculture and natural resources.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $50

NRES 816A Conservation Storytelling
Description: First in a two-part series developing narrated visual media to tell a conservation or natural resource story. Utilizes various technologies including trail cameras, time-lapse camera systems, GoPro's, traditional video and audio, as well as conventional photography and software editing programs.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING
Prerequisite for: NRES 816B

NRES 816B Conservation Storytelling
Prerequisites: NRES 816A
Description: Second in a two-part series finalizing a narrated visual media project that tells a conservation or natural resource story. Utilizes various technologies including trail cameras, time-lapse camera systems, GoPro's, traditional video and audio, as well as conventional photography and software editing programs.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 817 Agroforestry Systems in Sustainable Agriculture
Crosslisted with: PLAS 418, HORT 818, NRES 417
Prerequisites: 12 hours biological or agricultural sciences.
Description: The roles of woody plants in sustainable agricultural systems of temperate regions. Emphasis on the ecological and economic benefits of trees and shrubs in the agricultural landscape. Topics include: habitat diversity and biological control; shelterbelts structure, function, benefits and design; intercropping systems; silvopastoral systems; riparian systems; and production of timber and specialty crops. Comparison of temperate agroforestry systems to those of tropical areas.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 818 Introduction to Remote Sensing
Crosslisted with: GEOG 418, GEOG 818, NRES 418
Prerequisites: Junior Standing
Description: Remote sensing of the earth from aerial and satellite platforms. Aerial photography, multispectral scanning, thermal imaging, microwave remote sensing techniques. Data acquisition and image analysis. Physical foundations of remote sensing using electromagnetic energy and energy-matter interactions. Applications in geographic, agricultural, environmental and natural resources analyses.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL
Prerequisite for: GEOG 421, GEOG 821, NRES 421, NRES 821
Course and Laboratory Fee: $115

NRES 819 Chemistry of Natural Waters
Crosslisted with: GEOL 418, GEOL 818, NRES 419
Prerequisites: CHEM 109A/L and CHEM 110A/L, CHEM 113A/L and CHEM 114.
Description: Principles of water chemistry and their use in precipitation, surface water, and groundwater studies. Groundwater applications used to determine the time and source of groundwater recharge, estimate groundwater residence time, identify aquifer mineralogy, examine the degree of mixing between waters of various sources and evaluate what types of biological and chemical processes have occurred during the water's journey through the aquifer system.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 820 Applications of Remote Sensing in Agriculture and Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: PLAS 419, GEOG 419, GEOL 419, NRES 420, AGRO 819, GEOG 819, GEOL 819
Prerequisites: Junior standing
Description: Introduction to the basic methods and practical applications of remote sensing to map, monitor and assess agricultural and natural resources and other environmental changes
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $35

NRES 821 Field Techniques in Remote Sensing
Crosslisted with: GEOG 421, GEOG 821, NRES 421
Prerequisites: NRES 418/818
Description: Field techniques as they relate to remote-sensing campaigns. Research methods, systematic approaches to data collection, field spectroscopy, collecting ancillary information linked with spectroscopic data sets as well as aircraft or satellite missions and subsequent analyses of acquired data.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $65

NRES 822 Laboratory Earth: Earth's Changing Systems
Crosslisted with: NRES 422
Description: Fundamental concepts related to understanding Earth's changing natural systems in the past, present, and the future. The cycling of matter and energy; the relationship between human activity and environmental change; and the consequence of these relationships.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 824 Forest Ecology
Crosslisted with: NRES 424
Prerequisites: NRES 220 or BIOS 207
Description: The structure and function of forest ecosystems including their response to global change; emphasis on forest succession and disturbance regimes in order to understand the dynamics of forested landscapes.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 826 Invasive Plants
Crosslisted with: PLAS 426, AGRO 826, HORT 826, NRES 426
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; PLAS 131
Description: Identification, biology and ecology of weedy and invasive plants. Principles of invasive plant management by preventative, cultural, biological, mechanical and chemical means using an adaptive management framework. Herbicide terminology and classification, plant-herbicide and soil-herbicide interactions, equipment calibration and dosage calculations.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 827 Introduction to the Global Positioning System (GPS)
Crosslisted with: GEOG 427, GEOG 827, NRES 427
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Notes: Familiarity with mapping and GIS recommended.
Description: Integrated lectures, lab exercises and field experience provide an understanding of GPS technology and applications. Students will learn to collect, correct and use GPS data in a geographic information system (GIS) environment.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $65

NRES 828 Leadership in Public Organizations
Crosslisted with: ALEC 428, ALEC 828, NRES 428
Prerequisites: Junior standing
Description: Leadership in theories, research, and practices in public organizations and natural resource agencies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

NRES 829 Human Dimensions of Natural Resource Management
Description: Introduction to, and understanding of, human dimensions of natural resource management. Interdisciplinary theories and frameworks for understanding and addressing natural resources management will be examined. Historical, psychological, cultural, and social influences will be reviewed. Integrative approaches to sustainable ecosystem management will also be explored.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 829A Food Security: A Global Perspective
Crosslisted with: PLAS 429A, AGRO 829A, HORT 829A, NRES 429A, NUTR 429A, NUTR 829A
Prerequisites: Junior standing
Description: Overview of the technical and sociocultural dimensions of global food insecurity.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 830 Laboratory Earth: Climate Research Applications
Description: Climate-change issues serve as a context to develop research questions and design a discete, locally oriented research project through which they define a problem, analyze data, and develop conclusions to potentially impact decision-making in their community. Designed for science educators. NRES 830 is offered fall semesters.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 831 Waterfowl Ecology and Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 431
Prerequisites: NRES 311.
Description: Ecology and identification of North American waterfowl, management of habitats and populations, and current management issues.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 832 Laboratory Earth: Human Dimensions of Climate Change
Description: Examine science behind global climate change. Use primary data sets to understand the implications for climate change at global and regional/local scales. Focus on potential impacts on human systems including drought, sea level rise, severe weather and populations most likely to be impacted by climate change. Designed for science educators. NRES 832 is offered spring semesters.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 833 Wildlife Management Techniques
Crosslisted with: NRES 433
Prerequisites: NRES 311
Description: Survey of methods used to obtain data and make decisions for wildlife management. Scientific methods for wildlife science; monitoring and surveys; construction of management plans; habitat use, classification, and management; harvest management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $10

NRES 834 Environmental Education and Interpretation
Crosslisted with: NRES 434, ENVR 434
Notes: Requires 20 hours of service.
Description: Examination of formal and informal environmental education and interpretation. Knowledge, application and practice relevant to science teachers and park, extension, museums, and zoo educators.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $40
Experiential Learning: Community Engagement

NRES 835 Agroecology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 435, AGRO 835, NRES 435
Prerequisites: For PLAS/NRES 435: Senior standing. For AGRO/NRES 835: 12 hrs biological or agricultural sciences.
Description: Integration of principles of ecology, plant and animal sciences, crop protection, and rural landscape planning and management for sustainable agriculture. Includes natural and cultivated ecosystems, population and community ecology, nutrient cycling, pest management, hydrologic cycles, cropping and grazing systems, landscape ecology, biodiversity, and socioeconomic evaluation of systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 836 Cenozoic Mammal Evolution
Crosslisted with: GEOL 436, GEOL 836, NRES 436
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior Standing
Description: Survey of mammalian evolution with emphasis on the origin, radiation, and phylogenetic relationships of Cenozoic fossil mammals. Overview of climatic and ecological changes affecting mammalian adaptations and hands on experience with fossil specimens.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 837 Adaptive Natural Resource Management
Description: From cultural taboos to the current socio-ecological framework, the art and science of natural resource management has and continues to evolve. The primary focus of this course is to introduce students to the concepts of structured decision making and adaptive management, but in doing so the course will explore the history of natural resource management and the various management paradigms that have and continue to dominate resource management. At the completion of this course students will have an understanding of the theory and practice of adaptive management as well as an understanding of why we continue to move toward a more transparent and scientific methodology of natural resource management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 838 Grassland Conservation: Planning and Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 438
Prerequisites: UG: Junior Standing; Grad: None
Notes: Recommended: introductory ecology and introductory soils courses
Description: Apply fundamental grassland ecology principles to grassland conservation and identify grassland establishment and management practices appropriate for different environmental and cultural situations. Based on field study, critically analyze management options and outcomes for several grasslands and develop a management plan for a grassland resource.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $30

NRES 839 Environmental Laboratory Instrumentation and Methods
Crosslisted with: NRES 439
Prerequisites: CHEM 106A & CHEM 106L or CHEM 110A and CHEM 110L
Description: Exposure to technologies such as spectroscopy, discrete automated colorimetry, chromatography and mass spectrometry used for environmental testing. Hands-on training in calibration, operation and sample analysis, proper use of analytical balance, volumetric glassware and micropipettes, creating and maintaining a laboratory notebook, and development and understanding standard operational procedures. Advanced in-lab training in analytical laboratory techniques and operation of advanced instrumentation used in commercial and research environmental laboratories.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 840 Great Plains Ecosystem
Crosslisted with: PLAS 440, AGRO 840, RNGE 440, NRES 440, GRAS 440
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Description: Characteristics of Great Plains ecosystems, interrelationships of ecological factors and processes, and their application in the management of grasslands. Interactions of fire, vegetation, grazing animals and wildlife.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 841 STEM Education Seminar
Crosslisted with: GEOS 811
Prerequisites: Graduate student in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) discipline.
Notes: This seminar is designed for graduate students interested in STEM education in formal or informal environments with children or adult learners.
Description: Acquire familiarity with the broad range of current STEM education research, outreach, and other activities taking place at UNL and across the nation in order to build a larger context for and connections to one's own STEM research and activities.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 842 Wildland Plants
Crosslisted with: PLAS 442, AGRO 842, RNGE 442, NRES 442, GRAS 442
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Notes: PLAS 131 or LIFE 121 and 121L or equivalent recommended
Description: Wildland plants that are important to grassland and shrubland ecosystem management and production. Distribution, utilization, classification, identification (including identification by vegetative parts), uses by Native Americans, and recognition of grasses, forbs, shrubs, exotic and wetland plants.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 843 Global Change & Ecosystems
Crosslisted with: NRES 443
Prerequisites: Junior standing and above
Notes: Background in ecology and NRES 418 recommended.
Description: Examines global change from a biological perspective, focusing on global change impacts on terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Considers the scientific literature on biological aspects of global change, and explores the methods used for studying global change, and involves presentation of brief, comprehensible oral and written summaries of this literature. Social, and economic aspects will also be considered.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 844 Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment
Crosslisted with: PLAS 444, AGRO 844, RNGE 444, NRES 444, GRAS 444
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Notes: NRES 220 or equivalent, recommended.
Description: Measurement and monitoring of the important vegetation and environmental factors used to develop management guidelines in grasslands, savannas, woodlands, and wetlands. Emphasis on using ecosystem monitoring protocols for assessment of wildlife habitat, fuels management for wild-land fire, livestock production, and watershed function. Requires field sampling and travel to local field sites.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 846 Pollen Analysis for Behavioral, Biological and Forensic Science
Crosslisted with: FORS 446, FORS 846, NRES 446
Prerequisites: FORS 120
Description: Collection, processing, identification of common North American pollen types. Pollination ecology relating to scene reconstruction. Fundamental statistics and presentation requirements for a legal and scientific audience.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 849 Woody Plant Growth and Development
Crosslisted with: BIOS 849, HORT 849
Prerequisites: CHEM 251 and AGRO 325
Description: Plant growth and development specifically of woody plants as viewed from an applied whole-plant physiological level. Plant growth regulators, structure and secondary growth characteristics of woody plants, juvenility, senescence, abscission and dormancy.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 850 Biology of Wildlife Populations
Crosslisted with: BIOS 450, BIOS 850, NRES 450
Prerequisites: NRES 311; MATH 104 or above; STAT 218 or equivalent
Description: Principles of population dynamics. Management strategies (for consumptive and nonconsumptive fish and wildlife species) presented utilizing principles developed.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 851 Soils, Water, and Environmental Chemistry
Crosslisted with: ENVE 851, NRES 451
Prerequisites: NRES/WATS/SOIL/PLAS/GEOL 361 or graduate standing
Description: Environmental chemistry related to the fate and transport of organic contaminants in soil-water environments. Application of computer simulation models (i.e., MODFLOW) for predicting contaminant fate in aquifers. Basic chemical and biological principles of remediating contaminated soil and water.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 852 Climate and Society
Crosslisted with: PLAS 450, GEOG 450, METR 450, NRES 452, AGRO 850, GEOG 850, METR 850
Prerequisites: Junior standing or above.
Notes: Offered spring semester of even-numbered calendar years.
Description: Impact of climate and extreme climatic events on society and societal responses to those events. Global in scope and interdisciplinary.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 853 Hydrology
Crosslisted with: NRES 453
Prerequisites: MATH 102 or above
Notes: Not available for credit for engineering students and not a substitute for CIVE 456.
Description: Introduction to the principles of hydrology, with emphasis on the components of the hydrologic cycle: precipitation, evaporation, groundwater flow, surface runoff, infiltration, precipitation runoff relationships.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING
Prerequisite for: AGEN 957, BSEN 957, CIVE 957, GEOL 957

NRES 854 Ecological Interactions
Crosslisted with: BIOS 454, BIOS 854, NRES 454
Prerequisites: LIFE 121; LIFE 121L; BIOS 207 or NRES 220; Senior Standing
Description: Nature and characteristics of populations and communities. Interactions within and between populations in community structure and dynamics. Direct and indirect interactions and ecological processes, competition, predation, parasitism, herbivory, and pollination. Structure, functioning and persistence of natural communities, foodweb dynamics, succession, and biodiversity.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 855 Soil Chemistry and Mineralogy
Crosslisted with: PLAS 455, AGRO 855, NRES 455, SOIL 455
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153 or GEOL 101; CHEM 109A/L and CHEM 110A/L; CHEM 221 or CHEM 221A & CHEM 221L or 251.
Description: Chemical and mineralogical properties of soil components. Inorganic colloidal fraction. Structures of soil minerals as a means of understanding properties, such as ion exchange and equilibria; release and supply of nutrient and toxic materials; and soil acidity and alkalinity. Forms and functions of organic matter in soil.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 856 Mathematical Models in Biology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 456, BIOS 856, NRES 456
Prerequisites: LIFE 120; LIFE 120L; LIFE 121; LIFE 121L; MATH 107
Description: Biological systems, from molecules to ecosystems, are analyzed using mathematical techniques. Strengths and weaknesses of mathematical approaches to biological questions. Brief review of college level math; introduction to modeling; oscillating systems in biology; randomness in biology; review of historically important and currently popular models in biology.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 857 Green Space and Urban Forestry Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 457, PLAS 457
Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing, Graduate student or permission
Description: A focus on the management of trees, parks, and green infrastructure in rural and urban communities. Perspectives from community planning, landscape architecture, urban forestry, natural resources, horticulture, and environmental policy. Development and implementation of green space and forest management plans encompassing societal needs and biological limitations in rural and urban communities.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 858 Soil Physical Determinations
Crosslisted with: PLAS 458, AGRO 858, NRES 458, SOIL 458
Prerequisites: SOIL/PLAS/GEOL/WATS 361; PHYS 141 or equivalent; MATH 102 or 103.
Description: Survey of measurement techniques and principles used in characterizing the physical properties of soils. Includes analysis of experimental design and sources of experimental error. Techniques include: particle size analysis, soil water content, pore size analysis, field sampling techniques, soil strength, and saturated hydraulic conductivity.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 859 Limnology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 459, BIOS 859, NRES 459
Prerequisites: BIOS 207 or NRES 220; CHEM 106A & CHEM 106L or CHEM 110A & CHEM 110L
Description: Physical, chemical, and biological processes that occur in fresh water. Organisms occurring in fresh water and their ecology; biological productivity of water and its causative factors; eutroplication and its effects.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING
Course and Laboratory Fee: $85

NRES 860 Soil Microbial Ecology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 460, BIOS 460, NRES 460, SOIL 460, AGRO 860, BIOS 860
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Notes: Recommend having a strong science background, including courses from the agronomic, environmental, microbiology, engineering or medicine disciplines.
Description: Soil from a microbe's perspective-growth, activity and survival strategies; principles governing methods to study microorganisms and biochemical processes in soil; mechanisms controlling organic matter cycling and stabilization with reference to C, N, S, and P; microbial interactions with plants and animals; and agronomic and environmental applications of soil microorganisms.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 861 Soil Physics
Crosslisted with: PLAS 461, NRES 461, SOIL 461, AGRO 861
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; PHYS 141 or equivalent, one semester of calculus.
Description: Principles of soil physics. Movement of water, air, heat, and solutes in soils. Water retention and movement, including infiltration and field water regime. Movement of chemicals in soils.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 862 Conservation Biology
Crosslisted with: NRES 462
Prerequisites: 12 hours of biological sciences, including NRES 220 and NRES 222 or equivalent.
Description: Current issues in conservation biology. Theoretical principles from the areas of ecology and genetics to effectively preserve and manage biological diversity and small populations.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 863 Fisheries Science
Crosslisted with: NRES 463
Notes: May be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station.
Description: Fisheries biology emphasizing the determination and evaluation of vital statistics for the management of fish populations. Basis of specific management techniques.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 863L Fisheries Science Lab
Crosslisted with: NRES 463L
Notes: May be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station.
Description: Field and laboratory skills needed for fisheries biology emphasizing the determination and evaluation of vital statistics for the management of fish populations. Applied data collection and fish sampling techniques will be used.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $150
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 867 Global Climate Change
Crosslisted with: METR 483, METR 883, NRES 467
Prerequisites: Junior standing; and METR 475/875.
Notes: Offered fall semester of even-numbered calendar years.
Description: Elements of climate systems, El Nino/LaNina cycle and monsoons, natural variability of climate on interannual and interdecadal scales. Paleoclimate, and future climate, developed climate change scenarios and climate change impacts on natural resources and the environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 868 Wetlands
Crosslisted with: BIOS 458, NRES 468, BSEN 468, BSEN 868
Prerequisites: CHEM 109A and 109L and CHEM 110A and 110L, or CHEM 105A and 105L and CHEM 106A and 106L; Junior or Senior Standing.
Notes: Offered even-numbered calendar years.
Description: Physical, chemical and biological processes that occur in wetlands; the hydrology and soils of wetland systems; organisms occurring in wetlands and their ecology wetland creation, delineation, management and ecotoxicology.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $40

NRES 869 Bio-Atmospheric Instrumentation
Crosslisted with: GEOG 469, PLAS 407, METR 469, AGST 469, NRES 469, AGRO 869, GEOG 869, HORT 807, METR 869, AGST 869
Prerequisites: Junior standing; MATH 106; 4 hrs physics; physical or biological science major.
Description: Discussion and practical application of principles and practices of measuring meteorological and related variables near the earth's surface including temperature, humidity, precipitation, pressure, radiation and wind. Performance characteristics of sensors and modern data collection methods are discussed and evaluated.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 870 Lake and Reservoir Restoration
Prerequisites: 12 hrs NRES or related fields
Description: Theory, processes, and mechanisms underlying lake and reservoir water quality degradation and/or pollution. Remediation of eutrophication and its effects. Current techniques used to restore and protect degraded lakes.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 871 Avian Biology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 475, BIOS 875, NRES 471
Prerequisites: LIFE 121 & LIFE 121L
Notes: May also be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station.
Description: Biology of birds emphasizing the behavior and ecology of this group. Topics include avian diversity, systematics & evolutionary history, flight, foraging, migration, communication, reproductive biology, population ecology and conservation biology.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 872 Applied Soil Physics
Crosslisted with: PLAS 472, AGRO 872, NRES 472, SOIL 472
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; MATH 102 or MATH 104 or MATH 106.
Description: Emphasis on applied soil physics. Discussion of theoretical principles followed by field and laboratory exercises and applications. Fluxes of water, solutes, air, and heat through the soil. Emphasis on water infiltration, water retention, other soil hydraulic properties. Components of soil water balance. Management of soil water.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 873 Ecological Anthropology
Crosslisted with: ANTH 473, ANTH 873
Description: Human adaptive systems and their ecological contexts. The dynamic inter-relationships between subsistence, technology, social behavior, human demography, and ecological variability.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Groups: CAS Diversity in the US

NRES 874 Herpetology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 474, BIOS 874, NRES 474
Prerequisites: NRES/BIOS 386
Description: Fossil and living amphibians and reptiles. Anatomy, classification, ecology and evolution.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $50

NRES 875 Water Quality Strategy
Crosslisted with: NRES 475, SOIL 475, PLAS 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, AGST 475, AGST 875
Prerequisites: Senior undergraduate or graduate student status.
Notes: Capstone course.
Description: Introduces methods to identify, analyze, strategize, justify and develop planning approaches to protect water quality from nonpoint source contamination. Focuses on identifying present water quality issues and situations, investigating adverse impacts on whole systems and subsystems over time, developing effective planning strategies, and assessing strategy effectiveness.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 876 Mammalogy
Crosslisted with: BIOS 476, BIOS 876, NRES 476
Prerequisites: 8 hrs BIOS; BIOS/NRES 386 or NRES 311.
Notes: May also be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station. Field trips are required and may occur outside of scheduled class time. Lab and field time emphasize diversity of mammalian families and species identification of Nebraska mammals.
Description: Evolution, natural history, ecology, and functional morphology of planetary mammals and mammals of the Northern Great Plains.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 877 Great Plains Field Pedology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 477, GEOG 467, NRES 477, SOIL 477, GEOG 867
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153.
Description: Spatial relationship of soil properties on various parts of landscape typical of the Plains, causal factors, and predictions of such relationships on other landscapes. Grouping these properties into classes, naming the classes, and the taxonomy that results from this grouping. Application of a taxonomy to a real situation through making a field soil survey in a region representative of the Plains border, predicting land use response of various mapped units as it affects the ecosystem, and evaluating the effectiveness of the taxonomic system used in the region surveyed.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $80

NRES 878 Regional Climatology
Crosslisted with: METR 478, METR 878, NRES 478
Prerequisites: NRES/METR 370.
Description: Regional differentiation of the climates of the earth on both a descriptive and dynamic basis. The chief systems of climatic classification.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 879 Hydroclimatology
Crosslisted with: NRES 479, METR 479, BSEN 479, METR 879, BSEN 879
Prerequisites: NRES 208 or METR 100 or METR/NRES 370.
Notes: Offered spring semester of even-numbered calendar years.
Description: Interaction between earth's climate and the hydrologic cycle. Energy and water fluxes at the land-atmosphere interface. Atmospheric moisture transport, precipitation, evaporation, snowmelt, and runoff. Impacts of climate variability and change on the hydrologic cycle.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 880G Applications of Genomics in Wildlife and Fisheries Conservation
Description: Classes will involve lectures and discussion of lecture material and assigned scientific literature. Students will read and interpret the appropriateness of genomic methods and analyses applied in peer-reviewed journals, articulate approaches to collect and analyze genomic data, including the assumptions and limitations of each approach, summarize principles underlying the genetics of natural populations, explain intra-individual, intra-population, among population, among species and community genetic/genomic approaches as it relates to conservation practices, and design a study that applies genomic approaches to inform conservation actions.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING

NRES 881 Environmental Conflict Management
Description: This two-day short-course is designed to aid students development of theoretically grounded practical approaches to facilitate and manage environmental conflict. The course will provide students with skills to perform well in conflict situations and help students manage conflict in diverse environmental contexts. The program blends presentations, group discussions, conflict analysis, and strategy design exercises and simulations into a highly engaging learning environment. Participants learn from each other and develop personalized tools that can be applied immediately. wo-day short-course taught fall semester of even numbered years.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 881K Stream and River Ecology
Crosslisted with: WATS 881K, BIOS 481, NRES 481K
Prerequisites: NRES 222 or equivalent
Description: Fundamental physical drivers operating in stream and river ecosystems and how those vary in space and time. Major classes of organisms associated with stream ecosystems and their functional roles. Fundamental controls on biotic diversity in stream and river ecosystems and its variance. Major aspects of stream ecosystem function including energy flow and nutrient cycling. Ecosystem services provided by stream and river ecosystems and causes and consequences of human impacts on streams and rivers. Underlying principles of bioassessment and current methods of stream restoration.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded
Course and Laboratory Fee: $20
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 882 Ecophysiology of Wildlife
Crosslisted with: NRES 482
Prerequisites: NRES 220 or BIOS 207; PLAS 215/BIOS 201; BIOS 386
Description: Evaluation of the conserved physiological principles that are broadly used across animal groups, as well as the many unique adaptations used by specific taxa. Focuses on all major vertebrate groups, including fish, birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and links the physiological mechanisms that allow them to survive to the environments in which they live. Highlights methods scientists use to gather physiological information, and the ways in this information can be used by scientists in a variety of different fields.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 883 Ecological Economics
Crosslisted with: AECN 883, CDEV 883
Prerequisites: AECN 141 or ECON 212 or equivalent
Description: A synthesis across the notion of "utility" as represented in traditional environmental and natural resource economics, "ecology" in ecological economics, and "community" in behavioral economics. Ideas from thermodynamics with a focus on renewable resources. Development, organization, and enhancement of eco-business, eco-industry, eco-government and eco-communities.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 884 Water Resources Seminar
Crosslisted with: PLAS 484, GEOG 484, GEOL 484, NRES 484, AGRO 884, GEOG 884, GEOL 884
Prerequisites: Junior or above standing
Description: Seminar on current water resources research and issues in Nebraska and the region.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 885 Natural Resources Seminar
Crosslisted with: NRES 485
Description: Active listening and critical thinking activities related to seminars on current natural resources research and issues in Nebraska, the Great Plains, and throughout the world.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 886A Professional Certifications: Certified Interpretive Guide
Crosslisted with: NRES 486A
Description: Professional certification from the National Association of Interpretation. Practical skills for developing quality interpretive programs for museum, nature center, zoo and park visitors. Theoretical foundations of interpretation.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 886B Professional Certifications: Certified Interpretive Host
Crosslisted with: NRES 486B
Description: Receive professional certification from the National Association of Interpretation. Practical skills for staff and volunteers of museums, nature centers, zoos and parks to provide quality customer service.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 888 Groundwater Geology
Crosslisted with: GEOL 488, GEOL 888, NRES 488
Prerequisites: GEOL 100-level course; MATH 106 or equivalent.
Description: Occurence, movement, and development of water in the geologic environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Prerequisite for: GEOL 986; NRES 918
Course and Laboratory Fee: $10

NRES 889 Ichthyology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 489, BIOS 889, NRES 489
Prerequisites: LIFE 120 and LIFE 121
Notes: May also be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station.
Description: Fishes, their taxonomy, physiology, behavior, and ecology. Dynamics of fish stocks and factors regulating their production.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $20
Experiential Learning: Research

NRES 891 Seminar in Natural Resource Sciences
Description: Presentations of special non-thesis topics, and/or research plans, and/or thesis research results.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass

NRES 891A Seminar: Writing in Science
Notes: The goal of this class is to make you a better writer through discussion and critique of published scientific papers.
Description: Writing is the core of how we communicate our scientific findings; fostering good writing skills now will help you throughout your career regardless of if you remain in academia. This class is suitable for all graduate students working on a proposal or a manuscript, or who want to focus on improving their academic reading and writing skills.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass

NRES 891B Readings in Aquatic Ecology
Prerequisites: Admission to the Graduate Program in the School of Natural Resources
Description: Read classic (highly cited, generally 25-75 years old) papers and more recent follow-up (<10 years) papers on topics relevant to many areas of aquatic ecology. The goal is to read the basis of the concepts taught in modern Limnology courses and to see how these concepts are currently evolving in the literature. Students will be responsible for choosing a topic and classic paper from a list (see below) and finding (with help) a modern follow up to the issue, and then will lead the group discussion on that topic.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass

NRES 892 International Study Tours in Natural Resource Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 492
Prerequisites: Permission.
Notes: Off-campus travel may be required. Choice of subject matter and coordination of on- and off-campus study is at the discretion of the instructor.
Description: Group educational tours to sites that illustrate the diversity of approaches to natural resources management found around the world.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Experiential Learning: Education Abroad

NRES 893 Experiences in Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: NRES 493
Prerequisites: Permission of instructor
Description: Immersive learning experiences in natural resources.
Credit Hours: 0-3
Min credits per semester:
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 12
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 896 Independent Study
Prerequisites: 12 hrs natural resource sciences or closely-related fields; permission
Description: Individual or group projects in research, literature review or extension of course work under supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.
Credit Hours: 1-5
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 897 Master of Applied Science Project
Crosslisted with: AGRI 897, AGRO 897, HORT 897, ASCI 897
Prerequisites: Admission to Master of Applied Science degree program
Notes: Project activity for the Master of Applied Science degree.
Description: Design, develop and complete a project that requires synthesis of the course topics covered in the primary area of emphasis.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 898 Special Topics in Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: NRES 498
Prerequisites: 6 hrs NRES or equivalent.
Description: Current issues in natural resource sciences.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 12
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 899 Masters Thesis
Prerequisites: Admission to masters degree program and permission of major adviser
Credit Hours: 1-10
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 10
Max credits per degree: 99
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass

NRES 902 Foundations of Ecological Resilience
Crosslisted with: AGRO 902
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Description: Concept of resilience, especially ecological resilience, and resilience theory. Both theoretical and applied aspects of ecological resilience, and the development of resilience theory. Prominent issues in resilience science and applications to practical problems in natural resource management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
Groups: American Government&Public Pol Biology,Psychology,& Politics

NRES 906 Crop Growth and Yield Modeling
Crosslisted with: AGRO 906
Prerequisites: AGRO 325/HORT 325 Introductory Plant Physiology or equivalent
Notes: Recommended: AGRO 406/806 NRES 406/806 HORT 406/806 Plant Ecophysiology or equivalent.
Description: Understanding and use of crop simulation models and ability to build crop models. Studying principles and quantitative descriptions of crop production ecology. Offered fall semester of odd-numbered calendar years.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 915 Science Communication, Ethics, and Philosophy
Prerequisites: Graduate standing
Description: An introduction to key areas necessary for success in a scientific career.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 916 Environmental Law and Water Resource Management Seminar
Crosslisted with: CIVE 916
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: An interdisciplinary seminar with the Department of Civil Engineering. Contemporary environmental issues and water resource management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 918 Applied Groundwater Modeling
Prerequisites: GEOL/NRES 488/888 or 889, MATH 208/208H, or equivalent
Notes: Offered fall semester of odd-numbered calendar years.
Description: Forward and backward numerical analysis of groundwater flow systems and their interactions with other hydro-logic components. Groundwater model development and parameter estimation using MODFLOW, PEST, and other widely used modeling packages.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $20

NRES 922 Seminar in Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
Prerequisites: GEOG/NRES 812 and 822; or equivalent
Description: Study of current research and trends in geographic information systems (GIS), GIScience, and GeoComputation. Advanced spatial analytical techniques and geospatial modeling emphasizing GIS applications in natural resources assessment, environmental analyses, agriculture, and land management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 930 Conservation Agriculture Systems
Crosslisted with: AGRI 930, AGEN 930, BSEN 930
Prerequisites: Graduate student status.
Notes: Students entering the course should have a contextual understanding or background on the ecology of managed landscapes. The course is designed to build on students' scientific knowledge about the ecological functioning of agricultural landscapes by addressing the parallel influences of social, economic, and civil structures on agricultural system functioning, food security, cultural sovereignty, and environmental health.
Description: Aims to equip with an in-depth knowledge of conservation agriculture systems. Builds on scientific knowledge about the ecological functioning of agricultural landscapes by addressing the parallel influences of social, economic, and civil structures on agricultural system functioning, food security, cultural sovereignty, and environmental health. Explores the historical foundations, motivations, advances, and outcomes in global and local agricultural systems across time. Topics will focus on discovering ways scientific knowledge is correlated with historical occurrences and modern social perceptions. Content is selected to assist in developing multifaceted connections and clarity between their scientific understanding, the organization of agricultural systems, and the historical events that have influenced the development of modern food systems. Emphasis will be placed on harnessing individuals experiences and building discipline-based knowledge to prepare informed and perceptive agriculture science professionals with skills needed to strategically tackle modern agricultural production issues.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 935 Seminar in Historical Geography
Crosslisted with: GEOG 935
Description: Discussion of current literature and research on selected aspects of historical geography. Specific theme of course varies according to instructor.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 945 Resilience Design in Agriculture
Crosslisted with: AGRI 945, AGEN 945, BSEN 945
Prerequisites: Graduate student status.
Description: This 3-credit, graduate-level course teaches practical approaches in designing, or redesigning, food systems to optimize resource use and enhance agriculture system resilience. Transdisciplinary approaches are applied in solution development by combining concepts of conservation agriculture, agroecology, biodynamic farming, biogeochemistry, permaculture, and biosystems engineering to plan, mediate, and regenerate food systems. Topics center on land mitigation and adaptation methods that protect and conserve natural resources, regenerate and advance agroecosystems, promote land investment, adapt infrastructure, reduce disaster risks and climate vulnerability, and promote value-added incentives for controlling waste and pollution. Investigative analyses focus on ways food production and consumption patterns affect social and environmental sustainability and modern agrifood supply chain influences the economic concepts of circularity and solidarity.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 950 International Applications of Conservation Agriculture
Crosslisted with: AGRI 950, AGEN 950, BSEN 950
Prerequisites: Graduate student status or approval by the instructor.
Description: This 3-credit, graduate-level course examines agricultural systems located in diverse geographical locations across the globe. Select agriculture production systems will be individually investigated to understand the environmental history of the area, creation of active production practices, viability of current methods, and value-added benefits from adding enhanced conservation practices. Science-based development plans will be created for the agriculture systems explored, which will have targeted goals, project objectives, theories to change (opportunities, barriers, planned interventions), implementation strategies, and assessment indicators. Improvement plans for each agriculture system will prioritize conservation practices and reflect on economic strengths and limitations of the region, community considerations, and dietary needs of the local population. Agriculture systems examined will include a diverse grouping of large-scale and small-holder food and fiber systems in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING

NRES 954 Turbulent Transfer in the Atmospheric Surface Layer
Crosslisted with: BSEN 954
Prerequisites: MATH 821; MECH 310 or NRES 808 or BIOS 857; or equivalent
Notes: Offered spring semester of odd-numbered calendar years.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 965 Managed Aquatic Systems
Description: Theoretical aspects of structure and function in aquatic systems managed for human needs, ecological processes, river-reservoir interface, energy flow (including fate and transport), population dynamics, and multiple-use systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 971 Quantitative Fishery Assessment
Notes: Offered spring semester of even numbered calendar years.
Description: Advanced quantitative techniques of fishery science required to support management practices targeted at populations (recruitment, growth and mortality), communities (e.g., predator-prey interactions) and ecosystems (e.g., bio-stressors).
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 980 Vertebrate Population Analysis
Notes: NRES 980 is offered spring semester of even years.
Description: Introduction to the estimation of demographic parameters from surveys and mark-recapture data. Emphasizes analytical skills used to estimate population vital rates, such as abundance, density, population size, survival rates, home range size, and movement rates. Reinforces use of multiple hypotheses in scientific investigations, as well as model selection processes.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 985 Soil Carbon and Nitrogen Dynamics
Crosslisted with: AGRO 985, SOIL 985
Notes: Basic knowledge about soil biogeochemical characteristics and processes are required to take full advantage of the content delivered. Recommended courses: AGRO/SOIL 153 or AGRO 804, AGRO/SOIL 455/855, GEOL 417/817.
Description: Understand carbon and nitrogen cycling in the soil ecosystem including feedbacks and implications for soil management, environment, and climate.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 992 General Seminar
Crosslisted with: AGRO 992, HORT 992
Notes: Agronomy and Horticulture PhD students should enroll in this course twice.
Description: Expected of all Agronomy and Horticulture graduate students. Presentation of thesis/dissertation or non-thesis topics in agronomy, horticulture or related subjects. Agronomy and Horticulture PhD students should enroll in this course twice.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass

NRES 996 Research Other Than Thesis
Prerequisites: Permission
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 996A Research in Soils
Crosslisted with: AGRO 996A
Prerequisites: 12 hrs AGRO or closely related sciences, and permission
Credit Hours: 2-5
Min credits per semester: 2
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

NRES 999 Doctoral Dissertation
Prerequisites: Admission to doctoral degree program and permission of supervisory committee chair
Credit Hours: 1-24
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 24
Max credits per degree: 99
Grading Option: Pass No-Pass