NATURAL RESOURCE & ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMICS

Description

The natural resource and environmental economics degree program combines in-depth study of the natural sciences with economics, law, and other social sciences. The program provides students with training in the analysis of the benefits and costs of using natural resources and the environment for a variety of purposes including recreation, agriculture, wildlife habitat, industry, logging, and mining. In addition, the program emphasizes the assessment of public policies regulating the use of natural resources and environmental amenities. Students in this program work closely with faculty in both the agricultural economics department and the School of Natural Resources.

College Requirements

College Admission

Requirements for admission into the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) are consistent with general University admission requirements (one unit equals one high school year): 4 units of English, 4 units of mathematics, 3 units of natural sciences, 3 units of social sciences, and 2 units of world language. Students must also meet performance requirements: a 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average OR an ACT composite of 20 or higher, writing portion not required OR a score of 1040 or higher on the SAT Critical Reading and Math sections OR rank in the top one-half of graduating class; transfer students must have a 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) cumulative grade point average and 2.0 on the most recent term of attendance.

Admission Deficiencies/Removal of Deficiencies

Students who are admitted to CASNR with core course deficiencies must remove these deficiencies within the first 30 credit hours at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, or within the first calendar year at Nebraska, whichever takes longer, excluding foreign languages. Students have up to 60 credit hours to remove world language deficiencies. College-level coursework taken to remove deficiencies may be used to meet degree requirements in CASNR.

Deficiencies in the required entrance subjects can be removed by the completion of specified courses in the University or by correspondence.

The Office of Admissions, Alexander Building (south entrance), City Campus, provides information to new students on how deficiencies can be removed.

College Degree Requirements

Curriculum Requirements

The curriculum requirements of the College consist of three areas: ACE (Achievement-Centered Education), College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Core, and Degree Program requirements and electives. All three areas of the College Curriculum Requirements are incorporated within the description of the Major/Degree Program sections of the catalog. The individual major/degree program listings of classes ensures that a student will meet the minimum curriculum requirements of the College.

World Languages/Language Requirement

Two units of a world language are required. This requirement is usually met with two years of high school language.

Experiential Learning

All undergraduates in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources must take an Experiential Learning (EL) designated course. This may include 0-credit courses designed to document co-curricular activities recognized as Experiential Learning.

Minimum Hours Required for Graduation

The College grants the bachelors degree in programs associated with agricultural sciences, natural resources, and related programs. Students working toward a degree must earn at least 120 semester hours of credit. A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation. Some degree programs have a higher cumulative grade point average required for graduation. Please check the degree program on its graduation cumulative grade point average.

Grade Rules

Removal of C-, D, and F Grades

Only the most recent letter grade received in a given course will be used in computing a student's cumulative grade point average if the student has completed the course more than once and previously received a grade or grades below C in that course.

The previous grade (or grades) will not be used in the computation of the cumulative grade point average, but it will remain a part of the academic record and will appear on any transcript.

A student can remove from his/her cumulative average a course grade of C-, D+, D, D-, or F if the student repeats the same course at the University of Nebraska and receives a grade other than P (pass), I (incomplete), N (no pass), W (withdrew), or NR (no report). If a course is no longer being offered, it is not eligible for the revised grade point average computation process.

For complete procedures and regulations, see the Office of the University Registrar website at http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats (http://www.unl.edu/regrec/course-repeats/).

Pass/No Pass

Students in CASNR may take any course offered on a Pass/No Pass basis within the 24-hour limitation established by the Faculty Senate. However, a department may specify that the Pass/No Pass status of its courses be limited to non-majors or may choose to offer some courses for letter grades only.

GPA Requirements

A minimum cumulative grade point average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be maintained throughout the course of studies and is required for graduation. Some degree programs have a higher cumulative grade point average required for graduation. Please check the degree program on its graduation cumulative grade point average.

Transfer Credit Rules

To be considered for admission a transfer student, Nebraska resident or nonresident, must have an accumulated average of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum C average in the last semester of attendance at another college. Transfer students who have completed less than 12 credit hours of college study must submit either ACT or SAT scores.

Ordinarily, credits earned at an accredited college are accepted by the University. The College, however, will evaluate all hours submitted on an application for transfer and reserves the right to accept or reject any of them. Sixty (60) is the maximum number of hours the University will accept on transfer from a two-year college. Ninety (90) is the maximum number of hours the University will accept from a four-year college. Transfer credit in the degree program must be approved by the degree program advisor on a Request for Substitution Form to meet specific course requirements, group requirements, or course level requirements in the major. At least 9 hours in the major field, including the capstone course, must be completed at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln regardless of the number of hours transferred.

The College will accept no more than 10 semester hours of C-, D+, D, and D- grades from other schools. The C-, D+, D, and D- grades can only be applied to free electives. This policy does not apply to the transfer of grades from UNO or UNK to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln.

Joint Academic Transfer Programs

The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources has agreements with many institutions to support joint academic programs. The transfer programs include dual degree programs and cooperative degree programs. Dual degree programs offer students the opportunity to receive a degree from a participating institution and also to complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree in CASNR. Cooperative programs result in a single degree from either the University of Nebraska–Lincoln or the cooperating institution.

Dual Degree Programs

A to B Programs

The A to B Program, a joint academic program offered by the CASNR and participating community colleges, allows students to complete the first two years of a degree program at the participating community college and continue their education and study in a degree program leading toward a bachelor of science degree.

The A to B Program provides a basic knowledge plus specialized coursework. Students transfer into CASNR with junior standing.

Depending on the community college, students enrolled in the A to B Program may complete the requirements for an associate of science at the community college, transfer to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, and work toward a bachelor of science degree.

Participating community colleges include:

- Central Community College
- Metropolitan Community College
- Mid-Plains Community College
- Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
- Nebraska Indian Community College
- Northeast Community College
- Southeast Community College
- Western Nebraska Community College

3+2 Programs

Two specialized degree programs in **animal science** and **veterinary science** are offered jointly with an accredited college or school of veterinary medicine. These two programs permit CASNR animal science or veterinary science students to receive a bachelor of science degree from the University of Nebraska–Lincoln with a degree in animal science or veterinary science after successfully completing two years of the professional curriculum in veterinary medicine at an accredited veterinary school. Students who successfully complete the 3+2 Program, must provide transcripts and complete the Application for Degree form via MyRED. Students without MyRED access may apply for graduation in person at Husker Hub in the Canfield Administration Building, or by mail. Students should discuss these degree programs with their academic advisor.

Cooperative Degree Programs

Academic credit from the University and a cooperating institution are applied towards a four-year degree from either the University of Nebraska–Lincoln (University degree-granting program) or the cooperating institution (non-University degree-granting program). All have approved programs of study.

UNL Degree-Granting Programs

A University of Nebraska–Lincoln degree-granting program is designed to provide students the opportunity to complete a two-year program of study at one of the four-year institutions listed below, transfer to CASNR, and complete the requirements for a bachelor of science degree.

Chadron State College. Chadron State College offers a 2+2 program leading to a grassland ecology and management degree program and a transfer program leading to a bachelor of science in agricultural education in the teaching option.

Wayne State College. Wayne State College offers a 3+1 program leading to a bachelor of science in plant biology in the ecology and management option and a 3+1 program leading to a bachelor of science in Applied Science.

University of Nebraska at Kearney. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

University of Nebraska at Omaha. Transfer programs are available for students pursuing degree programs leading to a bachelor of science degree.

Non University of Nebraska–Lincoln Degree-Granting Programs

CASNR cooperates with other institutions to provide coursework that is applied towards a degree at the cooperating institution. Pre-professional programs offered by CASNR allow students to complete the first two or three years of a degree program at the University prior to transferring and completing a degree at the cooperating institution.

Chadron State College–Range Science. The 3+1 Program in range science allows Chadron State College students to pursue a range science degree through Chadron State College. Students complete three years of coursework at Chadron State College and one year of specialized range science coursework (32 credit hours) at CASNR.

Dordt College (Iowa)–Agricultural Education: Teaching Option. This program allows students to pursue an Agricultural Education Teaching Option degree leading toward a bachelor of science in agricultural education. Students at Dordt College will complete 90 credit hours in the Agricultural Education: Teaching Option Transfer Program.

Residency

Students must complete at least 30 of the total hours for their degree using University of Nebraska–Lincoln credits. At least 18 of the 30 credit hours must be in courses offered through CASNR[1] (>299) including the appropriate ACE 10 degree requirement or an approved ACE 10 substitution offered through another Nebraska college and excluding

independent study regardless of the number of hours transferred. Credit earned during education abroad may be used toward the residency requirement if students register through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and participate in prior-approved education abroad programs. The University of Nebraska–Lincoln open enrollment and summer independent study courses count toward residence.

[1] *Includes courses taught by CASNR faculty through interdisciplinary prefixes (e.g., LIFE, MBIO, ENVR, SCIL, EAEP, HRTM, ENSC) and CASNR crosslisted courses taught by non-CASNR faculty.*

Online and Distance Education

There are many opportunities to earn college credit online through the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Some of these credits may be applicable not only as elective credits but also toward the fulfillment of the College's education requirements. Credits earned online may count toward residency. However, certain offerings may not be counted toward scholarship requirements or academic recognition criteria.

For further information, contact:

Office of Online and Distance Education
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
305 Brace Labs
Lincoln, NE 68588-0109
402-472-4681
http://online.unl.edu/

Independent Study Rules

Students wishing to take part in independent studies must obtain permission; complete and sign a contract form; and furnish copies of the contract to the instructor, advisor, departmental office, and the Dean's Office. The contract should be completed before registration. Forms are available in 103 Agricultural Hall or online at the CASNR website.

Independent study projects include research, literature review or extension of coursework under the supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.

Students may only count 12 hours of independent study toward their degrees and no more than 6 hours can be counted during their last 36 hours earned, excluding senior thesis, internships, and courses taught under an independent study number.

Other College Degree Requirements

Capstone Course Requirement

A capstone course is required for each CASNR degree program. A capstone course is defined as a course in which students are required to integrate diverse bodies of knowledge to solve a problem or formulate a policy of societal importance.

ACE Requirements

All students must fulfill the Achievement Centered Education (ACE) requirements. Information about the ACE program may be viewed at ace.unl.edu (https://ace.unl.edu/).

The minimum requirements of CASNR reflect the common core of courses that apply to students pursuing degrees in the college. Students should work with an advisor to satisfy ACE outcomes 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 10 with the college requirements.

Catalog Rule

Students must fulfill the requirements stated in the catalog for the academic year in which they are first admitted to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln or when they were first admitted to a Joint Academic Transfer Program. Students transferring from a community college, but without admission to a Joint Academic Transfer Program, may be eligible to fulfill the requirements as stated in the catalog for an academic year in which they were enrolled at the community college prior to attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. This decision should be made in consultation with academic advisors, provided the student a) was enrolled in a community college during the catalog year they are utilizing, b) maintained continuous enrollment at the previous institution for 1 academic year or more, and c) continued enrollment at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln within 1 calendar year from their last term at the previous institution. In consultation with advisors, a student may choose to follow a subsequent catalog for any academic year in which they are admitted to and enrolled as a degree-seeking student at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Students must complete all degree requirements from a single catalog year. The catalog which a student follows for degree requirements may not be more than 10 years old at the time of graduation.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of natural resources and environmental economics will be able to:

1. Understand and apply economic and business principles along with analytical methods to practical issues and problems in food, agriculture, business, community vitality, and natural resources.
2. Understand international forces that have an impact upon United States agriculture and the domestic economy.
3. Effectively communicate, to both specialized and lay audiences, such matters as agricultural business management decisions, business marketing plans, and economic and policy analysis through written, oral, and electronic means as individuals and as team participants.

Major Requirements

Core Requirements

College Integrative Course (ACE 8)		
SCIL 101	Science and Decision-Making for a Complex World	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Communications		
Written Communication (ACE 1)		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 150	Writing and Inquiry	
ENGL 151	Writing and Argument	
ENGL 254	Writing and Communities	
JGEN 120	Basic Business Communication	
JGEN 200	Technical Communication I	
JGEN 300	Technical Communication II	
Oral Communication (ACE 2)		
Select one of the following:		3
ALEC 102	Interpersonal Skills for Leadership	
COMM 101	Communication in the 21st Century	

COMM 209	Public Speaking	
COMM 210	Communicating in Small Groups	
COMM 215	Visual Communication	
COMM 283	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 286	Business and Professional Communication	
JGEN 300	Technical Communication II	
MRKT 257	Sales Communication	
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills	
TMFD 121	Visual Communication with Animation	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6
Mathematics and Statistics (ACE 3)		
STAT 218	Introduction to Statistics	3
or ECON 215	Statistics	
Select one of the following:		3-5
MATH 104	Applied Calculus	
MATH 106	Calculus I	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6
Natural Sciences (ACE 4)		
Select one course from two of the following three areas:		8-9
CASNR Approved Life Sciences		
BIOS 101 & BIOS 101L	General Biology and General Biology Laboratory	
ENTO 115 / BIOS 115 & ENTO 116 / BIOS 116	Insect Biology and Insect Identification	
PLAS 131 & PLAS 132	Plant Science and Agronomic Plant Science Laboratory	
PLAS 131 & PLAS 133	Plant Science and Horticultural Plant Science Laboratory	
LIFE 120 & LIFE 120L	Fundamentals of Biology I and Fundamentals of Biology I laboratory	
Chemistry		
CHEM 105A & CHEM 105L	Chemistry in Context I and Chemistry in Context I Laboratory	
CHEM 109A & CHEM 109L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
Physics		
AGST 109	Physical Principles in Agriculture and Life Sciences	
PHYS 141	Elementary General Physics I	
PHYS 151	Elements of Physics	
PHYS 211	General Physics I	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		8-9
Economics, Humanities, and Social Sciences (ACE 6)		
ECON 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
AECN 141	Introduction to the Economics of Agriculture (ACE 6)	3
or ECON 212	Principles of Microeconomics	
Select one course each from ACE outcomes 5, 7, and 9		9
Credit Hours Subtotal:		15
Total Credit Hours		**38-39**

Environmental Economics Option

Natural Resources		
NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	3
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOG 217	Principles of GIS	
NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	
NRES 415	GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources	
NRES 418 / GEOG 418	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOL 100	Introduction to Geology	
GEOL 101	Dynamic Earth	
GEOL 106	Environmental Geology	
METR 100	Weather and Climate	
NRES 208	Climate Literacy in Natural Resources	
SCIL 109 / AECN 109 / ENVR 109 / GEOG 109 / NRES 109	Water in Society	
SOIL 153 / PLAS 153	Soil Resources	
WATS 281 / GEOG 281 / NRES 281	Introduction to Water Science	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
Resource and Economics Requirements		
AECN 20	Seminar in Agricultural and Applied Economics	0
AECN 100	New Student Career Orientation	1
AECN 265 / NREE 265	Resource and Environmental Economics I	3
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	3
AECN 445 / NREE 445	Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Analysis (Capstone, ACE 10)	3
or EAEP 488 / ABUS 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	
AECN 465 / NREE 465 / WATS 465	Resource and Environmental Economics II	3
ECON 311A	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 311B	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Descriptive	
ECON 312A	Intermediate Microeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 312B	Intermediate Microeconomics - Descriptive	
AECN 340	Quantitative Methods in Agribusiness	3
or AECN 401	Advanced Farm Management and Linear Programming	
or AECN 436	Commodity Price Forecasting	
or ECON 417	Introductory Econometrics	
Select three of the following:		9
AECN 376	Rural Community Economics	

CRPL 400	Introduction to Planning
CRPL 430	Planning with GIS
CRPL 467	Active and Healthy Community Development
CRPL 470	Environmental Planning and Policy
ECON 423	Economics of the Less Developed Countries
ECON 472	Efficiency in Government
ENSC 230	Energy and the Environment: Economics and Policy
ENVR 334 / PSYC 334	Psychology of Environmental Sustainability
GEOG 361	Urban Geography
NRES 409	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
GEOG 431	Cultural Geography
GEOG 444	Geo-demographic and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
GEOG 447	Political Geography
MNGT 300	Management Essentials For Contemporary Organizations
MNGT 360	Managing Behavior in Organizations
MNGT 361	Human Resource Management
MNGT 411	Philanthropy and Leadership
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills
NRES 315	Human Dimensions of Fish and Wildlife Management
NRES 370 / METR 370	Applied Climatology
NRES 413 / ALEC 410	Environmental Leadership
NRES 428 / ALEC 428	Leadership in Public Organizations
NRES 429A / NUTR 429A / PLAS 429A	Food Security: A Global Perspective
NRES 434 / ENVR 434	Environmental Education and Interpretation
NRES 435 / PLAS 435	Agroecology
NRES 440 / GRAS 440 / PLAS 440 / RNGE 440	Great Plains Ecosystem
NRES 452 / GEOG 450 / METR 450 / PLAS 450	Climate and Society
PLAS 425	Cover Crops in Agroecosystems
PLAS 439	Organic Farming and Food Systems
PLAS 488 / ABUS 488 / EAEP 488 / ENTR 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development
PLAS 489 / CRPL 489	Urbanization of Rural Landscapes
POLS 332	Climate Change: Policy and Politics
SOCI 346	Environmental Sociology

Select 6 hours of AECN or ABUS electives or from EAEP 201, EAEP 300, EAEP 301, EAEP 302, EAEP 388, EAEP 392, EAEP 496, or ENTR 322. [1]	6
Credit Hours Subtotal:	37
Core Requirements	
Complete requirements	38-39
Credit Hours Subtotal:	38
Free Electives	
Select 28-33 hours	28-33
Credit Hours Subtotal:	33
Total Credit Hours	**120**

[1] *Select courses at the 200 level or above; excluding* AECN 388.

Energy Economics Option

Natural Resources		
NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	3
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOG 217	Principles of GIS	
NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	
NRES 415	GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources	
NRES 418 / GEOG 418	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOL 100	Introduction to Geology	
GEOL 101	Dynamic Earth	
GEOL 106	Environmental Geology	
METR 100	Weather and Climate	
NRES 208	Climate Literacy in Natural Resources	
SCIL 109 / AECN 109 / ENVR 109 / GEOG 109 / NRES 109	Water in Society	
SOIL 153 / PLAS 153	Soil Resources	
WATS 281 / GEOG 281 / NRES 281	Introduction to Water Science	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
Resource and Economics Requirements		
AECN 20	Seminar in Agricultural and Applied Economics	0
AECN 100	New Student Career Orientation	1
AECN 265 / NREE 265	Resource and Environmental Economics I	3
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	3
AECN 445 / NREE 445	Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Analysis (Capstone, ACE 10)	3
or EAEP 488 / ABUS 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	

AECN 465 / NREE 465 / WATS 465	Resource and Environmental Economics II	3
ECON 311A	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 311B	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Descriptive	
ECON 312A	Intermediate Microeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 312B	Intermediate Microeconomics - Descriptive	
AECN 340	Quantitative Methods in Agribusiness	3
or AECN 401	Advanced Farm Management and Linear Programming	
or AECN 436	Commodity Price Forecasting	
or ECON 417	Introductory Econometrics	
Select three of the following:		9
AECN 376	Rural Community Economics	
CRPL 400	Introduction to Planning	
CRPL 430	Planning with GIS	
CRPL 467	Active and Healthy Community Development	
CRPL 470	Environmental Planning and Policy	
ECON 423	Economics of the Less Developed Countries	
ECON 472	Efficiency in Government	
ENSC 230	Energy and the Environment: Economics and Policy	
ENVR 334 / PSYC 334	Psychology of Environmental Sustainability	
GEOG 361	Urban Geography	
NRES 409	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	
GEOG 431	Cultural Geography	
GEOG 444	Geo-demographic and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
GEOG 447	Political Geography	
MNGT 300	Management Essentials For Contemporary Organizations	
MNGT 360	Managing Behavior in Organizations	
MNGT 361	Human Resource Management	
MNGT 411	Philanthropy and Leadership	
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills	
NRES 315	Human Dimensions of Fish and Wildlife Management	
NRES 370 / METR 370	Applied Climatology	
NRES 413 / ALEC 410	Environmental Leadership	
NRES 428 / ALEC 428	Leadership in Public Organizations	
NRES 429A / NUTR 429A / PLAS 429A	Food Security: A Global Perspective	
NRES 434 / ENVR 434	Environmental Education and Interpretation	
NRES 435 / PLAS 435	Agroecology	
NRES 440 / GRAS 440 / PLAS 440 / RNGE 440	Great Plains Ecosystem	
NRES 452 / GEOG 450 / METR 450 / PLAS 450	Climate and Society	
POLS 332	Climate Change: Policy and Politics	
PLAS 425	Cover Crops in Agroecosystems	
PLAS 439	Organic Farming and Food Systems	
PLAS 488 / ABUS 488 / EAEP 488 / ENTR 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	
PLAS 489 / CRPL 489	Urbanization of Rural Landscapes	
SOCI 346	Environmental Sociology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		31
Energy Analysis		
ENSC 110	Energy in Perspective	3
ENSC 220	Introduction to Energy Systems	3
ENSC 230	Energy and the Environment: Economics and Policy	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9
Core Requirements		
Complete requirements		38-39
Credit Hours Subtotal:		38
Free Electives		
Select 25-30 hours		25-30
Credit Hours Subtotal:		30
Total Credit Hours		**120**

Eco-Business and Sustainability Option

Natural Resources		
NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	3
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	3
SOIL 153 / PLAS 153	Soil Resources	4
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOG 217	Principles of GIS	
NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	
NRES 415	GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources	
NRES 418 / GEOG 418	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		13
Resource and Economics Requirements		
AECN 20	Seminar in Agricultural and Applied Economics	0
AECN 100	New Student Career Orientation	1
AECN 265 / NREE 265	Resource and Environmental Economics I	3
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	3

AECN 445 / NREE 445	Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Analysis (capstone, ACE 10)	3
or EAEP 488 / ABUS 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	
AECN 465 / NREE 465 / WATS 465	Resource and Environmental Economics II	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		13
Supporting Courses		
ACCT 201	Introductory Accounting I	3
ACCT 202	Introductory Accounting II	3
AECN 425	Agricultural Marketing in a Multinational Environment	3
ECON 311A	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 311B	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Descriptive	
ECON 312A	Intermediate Microeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 312B	Intermediate Microeconomics - Descriptive	
FINA 300	Financial Decision Making	3
or FINA 361	Finance	
MRKT 341 / ABUS 341	Marketing	3
or MRKT 300	Contemporary Marketing	
Select 3 hours from the following:		3
MRKT 443	Consumer Behavior: Marketing Aspects	
MNGT 321 / ENTR 321	Foundations of Entrepreneurship	
EAEP 300	Roadmap: Designing the Entrepreneurial Life	
EAEP 301	Exploring Entrepreneurial Ideation	
EAEP 302	Exploring Negotiation in Enterprise Scenarios	
EAEP 388	Business Systems in Entrepreneurship	
EAEP 392	Special Topics	
EAEP 496	Independent Study in Entrepreneurship	
Select one of the following:		3
AECN 340	Quantitative Methods in Agribusiness	
AECN 401	Advanced Farm Management and Linear Programming	
AECN 436	Commodity Price Forecasting	
ECON 417	Introductory Econometrics	
SCMA 331	Operations and Supply Chain Management	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		27
Core Requirements		
Complete requirements		38-39
Credit Hours Subtotal:		38
Free Electives		
Select 25-29 hours		25-29
Credit Hours Subtotal:		29
Total Credit Hours		**120**

Water Economics Option

Natural Resources		
NRES 220	Principles of Ecology	3
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOG 217	Principles of GIS	
NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	
NRES 415	GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources	
NRES 418 / GEOG 418	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
Select one of the following:		3-4
GEOL 100	Introduction to Geology	
GEOL 101	Dynamic Earth	
GEOL 106	Environmental Geology	
METR 100	Weather and Climate	
NRES 208	Climate Literacy in Natural Resources	
SCIL 109 / AECN 109 / ENVR 109 / GEOG 109 / NRES 109	Water in Society	
SOIL 153 / PLAS 153	Soil Resources	
WATS 281 / GEOG 281 / NRES 281	Introduction to Water Science	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
Water Science		
NRES 453	Hydrology	3
Select two of the following:		6-8
NRES 488 / GEOL 488	Groundwater Geology	
WATS 361 / GEOL 361 / SOIL 361 / NRES 361 / PLAS 361	Soils, Environment and Water Quality	
WATS 418 / GEOL 418 / NRES 419	Chemistry of Natural Waters	
WATS 452 / AGST 452 / PLAS 452	Irrigation Systems Management	
WATS 459 / BIOS 459 / NRES 459	Limnology	
WATS 468 / BIOS 458 / BSEN 468 / NRES 468	Wetlands	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		9
Economics, Law and Policy		
AECN 20	Seminar in Agricultural and Applied Economics	0
AECN 100	New Student Career Orientation	1

AECN 265 / NREE 265	Resource and Environmental Economics I	3
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	3
AECN 445 / NREE 445	Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Analysis (Capstone, ACE 10)	3
or EAEP 488 / ABUS 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	
AECN 465 / NREE 465 / WATS 465	Resource and Environmental Economics II	3
ECON 311A	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 311B	Intermediate Macroeconomics - Descriptive	
ECON 312A	Intermediate Microeconomics - Quantitative	3
or ECON 312B	Intermediate Microeconomics - Descriptive	
AECN 340	Quantitative Methods in Agribusiness	3
or AECN 401	Advanced Farm Management and Linear Programming	
or AECN 436	Commodity Price Forecasting	
or ECON 417	Introductory Econometrics	
Select 3 hours of AECN electives or from EAEP 300, EAEP 301, EAEP 302, EAEP 388, EAEP 392, or EAEP 496. [1]		3
Select two major electives of the following:		6
AECN 376	Rural Community Economics	
CRPL 400	Introduction to Planning	
CRPL 430	Planning with GIS	
CRPL 467	Active and Healthy Community Development	
CRPL 470	Environmental Planning and Policy	
ECON 423	Economics of the Less Developed Countries	
ECON 472	Efficiency in Government	
ENSC 230	Energy and the Environment: Economics and Policy	
ENVR 334 / PSYC 334	Psychology of Environmental Sustainability	
GEOG 361	Urban Geography	
NRES 409	Human Dimensions of Natural Resources	
GEOG 431	Cultural Geography	
GEOG 444	Geo-demographic and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	
GEOG 447	Political Geography	
MNGT 300	Management Essentials For Contemporary Organizations	
MNGT 360	Managing Behavior in Organizations	
MNGT 361	Human Resource Management	
MNGT 411	Philanthropy and Leadership	
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills	
NRES 315	Human Dimensions of Fish and Wildlife Management	
NRES 370 / METR 370	Applied Climatology	
NRES 413 / ALEC 410	Environmental Leadership	
NRES 428 / ALEC 428	Leadership in Public Organizations	
NRES 429A / NUTR 429A / PLAS 429A	Food Security: A Global Perspective	
NRES 434 / ENVR 434	Environmental Education and Interpretation	
NRES 435 / PLAS 435	Agroecology	
NRES 440 / GRAS 440 / PLAS 440 / RNGE 440	Great Plains Ecosystem	
NRES 452 / GEOG 450 / METR 450 / PLAS 450	Climate and Society	
POLS 332	Climate Change: Policy and Politics	
PLAS 425	Cover Crops in Agroecosystems	
PLAS 439	Organic Farming and Food Systems	
PLAS 488 / ABUS 488 / EAEP 488 / ENTR 488	Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development	
PLAS 489 / CRPL 489	Urbanization of Rural Landscapes	
SOCI 346	Environmental Sociology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		31
Core Requirements		
Complete requirements		38-39
Credit Hours Subtotal:		38
Free Electives		
Select 23-30 hours		23-30
Credit Hours Subtotal:		30
Total Credit Hours		**120**

[1] *Select a course at the 200 level or above; excluding* AECN 388.

Additional Major Requirements

Grade Rules

Pass/No Pass

Natural resource and environmental economics students must complete at least 15 credit hours of agricultural economics courses for a grade (not Pass/No Pass).

International Requirements

Nine (9) hours of coursework with an international focus are required as part of the 120 hours required for a degree. Course options include those listed below, those listed in the University's Global Studies degree program or any ACE 9 course.

AECN 220	International Agricultural Trade	3
AECN 346	World Food Economics	3

AECN 367	Agricultural Development in Developing Countries	3
AECN 420	International Food and Agricultural Trade	3
AECN 425	Agricultural Marketing in a Multinational Environment	3
AGRI 282	Introduction to Global Agricultural and Natural Resources Issues	3
AGRI 310	Study Tours in International Agriculture	1-5
NRES 492	International Study Tours in Natural Resource Management	1-3

ACE Requirements

ACE courses cannot be used to count in two separate requirement areas except in the case of International Requirements (see above).

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

Natural Resource Economics Minor

This minor is intended primarily for students interested in natural resource management who are studying in technical areas such as water science, range science, soils, engineering, or fisheries and wildlife. The intent is to offer technically-oriented students an opportunity to develop complementary economics and policy analysis skills.

Core Requirements		
Economics		
AECN 265 / NREE 265	Resource and Environmental Economics I	3
AECN 465 / NREE 465 / WATS 465	Resource and Environmental Economics II	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6
Additional Courses		
Select four of the following:		12
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	
AECN 445 / NREE 445	Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Analysis	
ECON 472	Efficiency in Government	
MNGT 360	Managing Behavior in Organizations	
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	
POLS 236	Public Policy Analysis: Methods and Models	
SOCI 346	Environmental Sociology	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
Total Credit Hours		**18**

NREE 265 Resource and Environmental Economics I
Crosslisted with: AECN 265
Prerequisites: ECON 212 or AECN 141.
Description: Introduction to environmental and natural resource economics and the role of such concepts in natural resource management. Application of economic principles to actual natural resource/environmental issues with focus on tradeoffs, cost and benefits, and decision making.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NREE 357 Natural Resource and Environmental Law
Crosslisted with: AECN 357
Prerequisites: Junior standing
Notes: SCIL 101 or GEOG 181 recommended.
Description: Environmental impact review; air and water pollution control; solid and hazardous waste control; endangered species and habitat preservation; land use regulation; state and federal water rights law.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: AECN 457, AECN 857, NREE 457, WATS 457

NREE 445 Agricultural and Natural Resource Policy Analysis
Crosslisted with: AECN 445
Prerequisites: ECON 311B and ECON 312B
Notes: Capstone course. Familiarity with spreadsheets (Excel) required.
Description: Introduction to the application of economic concepts and tools to the analysis and evaluation of public policies. Economic approaches to policy evaluation derived from welfare economics. Social benefit-cost analysis described and illustrated through applications to current agricultural and natural resource policy issues.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship ACE 10 Integrated Product

NREE 456 Environmental Law
Crosslisted with: AECN 456, AECN 856
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Notes: Available through Online and Distance Education.
Description: Principles of law involved in environmental issues, externalities and market failures, public health, environmental litigation, and legislation. Environmental issues are related to statutory, administrative, and regulatory authorities.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NREE 457 Water Law
Crosslisted with: AECN 457, AECN 857, WATS 457
Prerequisites: AECN/NREE 357.
Description: Environmental impact review; public trust doctrine; endangered species; land use controls; wetlands regulation; surface and ground water rights; Indian and federal water rights; impact of water quality regulations on water allocation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NREE 465 Resource and Environmental Economics II
Crosslisted with: AECN 465, AECN 865, WATS 465
Prerequisites: MATH 104 and one course in statistics.
Description: Application of resource economics concepts and empirical tools to resource management problems. Public policy issues involving environmental quality, land and water management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: AECN 868

NRES 40 Readiness for Care of Captive Wild Animals
Notes: First of two sequential 0-credit courses that are also linked to digital badges through CASNR. Course uses video modules provided through partnership with San Diego Zoo's Global Academy for some content.
Description: Professional development experiences for careers in animal rehabilitation centers, zoos, or aquariums that involve captive animals. Topics covered include introductory animal care and use, animal learning, regulations, inspection readiness, working safely with animals, and bioethics.
Credit Hours: 0
Max credits per semester:
Max credits per degree:
Grading Option: Pass No Pass
Offered: FALL/SPR
Prerequisite for: NRES 41

NRES 41 Care of Captive Wild Animals
Prerequisites: NRES 40 (or concurrent)
Notes: Second of two sequential 0-credit courses that are also linked to digital badges through CASNR. Course uses video modules provided through partnership with San Diego Zoo's Global Academy for some content.
Description: Professional development experiences for careers in animal rehabilitation centers, zoos, or aquariums that involve captive animals. Topics covered include nutrition, safe handling and restraint, zoological record keeping, environmental systems, and trust-based animal training.
Credit Hours: 0
Max credits per semester:
Max credits per degree:
Grading Option: Pass No Pass
Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 42 Natural Resources Professional Development Experience
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Experiences in an established professional development program in Natural Resources.
Credit Hours: 0
Max credits per semester:
Max credits per degree:
Grading Option: Pass No Pass

NRES 92 Plant Biology Portfolio and Assessment
Crosslisted with: PLAS 92
Prerequisites: Junior standing in Plant Biology degree program
Notes: Required for graduation. Offered every Fall during the first 5 weeks. Pass/No Pass only.
Description: Development of an experiential portfolio and completion of an online survey as part of assessment activities.
Credit Hours: 0
Max credits per semester:
Max credits per degree:
Grading Option: Pass No Pass

NRES 101 Natural Resources Orientation
Description: Introduction to natural resource disciplines. Fisheries, wildlife, forestry, grasslands, climate, and water science. Participate in field exercises in terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $50

NRES 103 Introduction to Agricultural and Natural Resource Systems
Crosslisted with: AGRI 103
Description: Agricultural and natural resource systems. The interrelationship and the impact of increased human involvement on these systems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 104 Climate in Crisis
Description: Past, present and future climate change. Climate science basics in the context of global changes (such as global warming, droughts, deforestation) that impact Earth and its inhabitants. Future climate change scenarios and possible impacts.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

NRES 107 Invasive Plant Species: Impacts on Ecosystems
Crosslisted with: PLAS 107
Notes: Online only
Description: The flora of the earth is constantly being re-distributed by natural and human forces. As plant species change locations, they affect ecosystems, but how? In this course, students will learn how invasive plants establish and spread in ecosystems and develop an understanding of their impacts on ecosystems from local to global scales.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

NRES 108 Earth's Natural Resource Systems Laboratory
Description: Introduction to Earth's natural resource systems. Interactions between the geosphere (solid earth) and the hydrosphere. The atmosphere and biosphere over many different spatial and temporal scales, and role of humans as part of the system.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ACE: ACE 4 Science
Course and Laboratory Fee: $15

NRES 109 Water in Society
Crosslisted with: SCIL 109, AECN 109, ENVR 109, GEOG 109
Description: Introduction to the scientific, social, and economic dimensions of historical and contemporary water systems. Students will develop an understanding of hydrologic systems and analyze and engage in decision-making about complex challenges associated with water resource use.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL
Prerequisite for: SCIL 300
ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship ACE 4 Science

NRES 111 Wildlife and Natural Resource Conservation
Description: Explore and distinguish the basic concepts, values, and stewardship of wildlife and natural resource conservation in agricultural and natural ecosystems. Examine the philosophies of ecosystem services and stewardship within a dynamic human-dominated world. Students will explore and analyze current issues related to conservation of wildlife and other natural resources.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
Prerequisite for: SCIL 300

NRES 115 Introduction to Environmental Science
Notes: High school earth sciences, chemistry and mathematics courses recommended.
Description: Emphasizes understanding the natural world and improving science literacy by learning the scientific method. Contemporary environmental problems are presented along with relevant questions. The scientific method along with fundamental concepts of chemistry, physics and biology are used to present possible solutions to environmental issues.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
ACE: ACE 4 Science
Course and Laboratory Fee: $70

NRES 125 Introduction to Zoo and Aquarium Science
Description: Become familiar with the concepts and challenges associated with biological, ethical, welfare, and administrative aspects of zoo science and captive animal care. Conduct an ethology study using the scientific method.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
ACE: ACE 4 Science

NRES 130 People of Great Plains
Description: The Great Plains region offers considerable ecological and cultural diversity, encompassing more than 600 million acres which have been occupied by humans for over 12,000 years. Introduction to the different populations who have called the Great Plains home, and how they have made a living on this landscape. Investigate Native American life ways in the Great Plains from the time of initial colonization up to European contact and the dramatic changes experienced during the historic era. Select topics centered on contemporary socio-ecological systems on the Plains and how understanding of past Plains experiences can be used to inform on these contemporary issues.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 5 Humanities
Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

NRES 163 Oh My Cod: Exploring Aquatic Ecology Careers
Prerequisites: Limited to Freshman or Sophomore classification only
Description: Introduction to fisheries and aquatic ecology. Familiarize with current research and critical review of literature. Guidance on careers in aquatic ecology. Initial field sampling experience.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 170 Introduction to Great Plains Studies
Crosslisted with: ANTH 170, GEOG 170, GPSP 170, SOCI 170
Description: Interdisciplinary study of the natural environment, social environment, human heritage, arts and humanities of the Great Plains.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 201 Dendrology: Study and Identification of Trees and Shrubs
Crosslisted with: PLAS 201, LARC 201
Description: An introduction to the naming, identification, and natural history of woody trees and shrubs in North American with emphasis on trees common to Nebraska. Covers morphology, natural site conditions, wildlife and human uses of woody trees and shrubs.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 208 Climate Literacy in Natural Resources
Description: Develop an understanding of the science of the climate system and the climate's influence on our environment. Learn about climate interactions, impacts of changing climate conditions, and actions to reduce these impacts, particularly on natural resources. Develop competency in assessing scientific information about the global climate and learn that such information is essential in making informed decisions about natural resource management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 210 Applied Ornithology
Description: To explore interactions between birds and people from economic and scientific perspectives, understand societal conflicts between feral cats and birds, hazards birds present to aircraft, the economics of bird feeding, how commercial bird hunting clubs work, how populations are affected by collisions with vehicles, windows and towers, the taxidermy industry and museum science, and hunting organizations such as Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING
Course and Laboratory Fee: $65

NRES 211 Introduction to Conservation Biology
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing.
Description: Introduction to problems faced in fulfilling the ever increasing human needs while maintaining ecosystem and biodiversity. The integration of biological fields such as wildlife biology, ecology, evolution, and genetics with non-biological fields such as economics, philosophy, and politics to the dilemma this presents.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 212 Woody Plants for Landscapes: Identification, Management, and Use
Crosslisted with: PLAS 212, LARC 212
Description: Identification, basic management and design uses of trees and shrubs for sustainable landscapes, with an emphasis on native plants and plants adapted to the Plains states. Emphasis is on live specimens in outdoor environments, supported by online resources.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 213 Cultivars and Varieties of Woody Plants for Landscapes
Crosslisted with: PLAS 213, LARC 213
Description: Characteristics of commercially available trees and shrubs used in urban landscapes. Compares differences among cultivars, design uses, and management issues using a combination of live specimens in outdoor environments and online resources.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 214 Herbaceous Landscape Plants
Crosslisted with: PLAS 214
Description: Identification of herbaceous plants with ornamental value in the landscape including native and introduced annuals, perennials, grasses and cultivars. Typical ecological associations, environmental tolerances and/or intolerance, cultural requirements, and design characteristics.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 218 Introduction to Geospatial Technologies
Notes: Recommended to have basic computer skills
Description: Theory and applications of geospatial information technology (GIT) with emphasis on real-world applications to natural resources. Overview of GIT, focusing on introduction of remote sensing, the global positioning system (GPS), and geographic information systems (GIS). Introduction to data collection, spatial data representation, georeferencing, spatial data analysis, and remote sensing image analysis.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL/SPR
Course and Laboratory Fee: $50

NRES 220 Principles of Ecology
Prerequisites: LIFE 121 or BIOS 101 or PLAS 131; 3 hours MATH.
Notes: Not open to students who have completed BIOS 207. Will not count toward a major in BIOS. MATH 100A is not sufficient preparation.
Description: Ecology as a quantitative discipline that integrates the life and earth sciences to understand the dynamics of natural and managed ecosystems.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: BIOS 459, BIOS 859, NRES 459, NRES 859, WATS 459; LARC 487, NRES 487; NRES 222; NRES 311; NRES 374; NRES 862, NRES 462

NRES 222 Ecology Laboratory
Prerequisites: NRES 220 or parallel.
Notes: May also be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station. Field trips to local ecosystems are required.
Description: Field and laboratory experiments in terrestrial and aquatic ecology.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: NRES 862, NRES 462; WATS 481, WATS 881, BIOS 481, NRES 481

NRES 233 Wildlife Field Techniques
Prerequisites: Sophomore status.
Notes: Offered off-campus during academic breaks at Cedar Point Biological Station. Course fee applies.
Description: Field and laboratory skills needed for wildlife management emphasizing wildlife and vegetation surveys, mark-recapture of wildlife, radio-telemetry, aging and forensic methods, and habitat assessment.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
Course and Laboratory Fee: $220

NRES 235 Independent Fisheries and Wildlife Field Techniques
Prerequisites: Permission
Notes: Credit hours calculated (similar to NRES 233 and NRES 463L) as a laboratory with 2-3 contact hours per credit hours because of field work and independent study.
Description: Introduction to field and laboratory skills used for fisheries and wildlife management emphasizing animal and habitat surveys, capture methods, radio-telemetry, sexing and aging methods, and habitat assessment using independent experiential learning.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL

NRES 245 Introduction to Grassland Ecology and Management
Crosslisted with: PLAS 245
Prerequisites: PLAS 153
Description: Grassland ecology and management is relevant to students with education and career goals in managing natural resources in Nebraska and the Great Plains. About 50% of the land area in Nebraska is classified as grassland (or rangeland) and is the land type with the most opportunity for enhancing biodiversity and wildlife habitat. Applying ecological principles and social values to managing rangeland resources, students will develop a knowledge and appreciation for the various grassland management uses and techniques available to resource managers.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: PLAS 340, RNGE 340, GRAS 340

NRES 249 Individual and Cultural Perspectives on the Environment
Crosslisted with: ENVR 249
Description: The influence of culture on individual perspectives related to the concepts of sustainability and the relationship that humans have with the environment. The role of ethics, religion, and historical setting on the individual and cultural perspectives related to environmental challenges at the local to global scales.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

NRES 260 Introduction to Conservation Photography
Description: An introduction to photography in natural resources and conservation. Provides a solid photography foundation for applications in research projects, science communication efforts, and the field of conservation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 270 Biological Invaders
Crosslisted with: PLAS 270, PLPT 270
Prerequisites: 3 hrs biological sciences.
Description: Impact of exotic species and invasive organisms: agricultural and medical emerging disease; predicting biological invasions; biological control; regulatory, monitoring, and control efforts; ecological impact.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 279 Soil Evaluation
Crosslisted with: PLAS 279, SOIL 279
Notes: PLAS/SOIL 153 recommended, but not required. This course includes an inter-collegiate Soil Judging contest that takes place in the North Central region of the United States during the course of the class, or a course-based undergraduate research experience.
Description: Apply fundamental knowledge to the description of soils in the field. Application of techniques employed in writing descriptions of soil morphology and in classifying and interpreting soils.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL
Prerequisite for: NRES 379, PLAS 379, SOIL 379
Course and Laboratory Fee: $40
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 281 Introduction to Water Science
Crosslisted with: GEOG 281, WATS 281
Prerequisites: High school chemistry or one semester college chemistry; one course in geology or physical geography or soil.
Description: Survey of the water science from the perspective of both natural and social sciences. Water budget, precipitation, evapotranspiration, runoff and stream flow, groundwater, water quality parameters, economics of water, water policy, water law and water politics.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: NRES 319; PLAS 361, GEOL 361, NRES 361, SOIL 361, WATS 361

NRES 289 People and the Land: Human Environmental Interactions on the Great Plains
Crosslisted with: GEOG 289
Description: Explore human environmental interaction on the Great Plains. Samples a variety of Great Plains cultures and time periods to explore past use of the Great Plains environment. Evaluation of attributes and related data critical to the operation of past social-ecological systems with reference to changing climatic/ecological dynamics, human environmental impacts, and the sustainability of various indigenous and western modes of land use on the Great Plains. Investigate knowledge of these processes and how they can be of relevance to contemporary issues of Great Plains land management and resource utilization.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 6 Social Science ACE 5 Humanities

NRES 299 Special Topics
Prerequisites: Permission.
Description: Special topics in natural resources.
Credit Hours: 1-4
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 300 Toxins in the Environment
Crosslisted with: BIOS 300, ENTO 300
Prerequisites: One semester BIOS and one semester CHEM
Description: Introduction to the principles of toxicology as they apply to environmental contaminants, agri-chemicals, and industrial and naturally occurring chemicals.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 301 Environmental Communication Skills
Prerequisites: ACE 1 course. Sophomore or higher.
Description: Written and oral communication skills for natural resource management including writing for the media, grant writing, conflict resolution and advocacy.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
ACE: ACE 2 Communication Competence

NRES 302 Tree Biology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 302
Prerequisites: BIOS 101 or LIFE 120 or PLAS 131
Description: The study of the structure and function of woody plants, with a focus on trees growing in temperate climates. Covers the basics of wood physiology in terms of the biological, physical, and chemical processes utilized by tree to function. The anatomy and morphology of trees with a focus on the impacts of tree maintenance to the structure and function of landscape trees.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 308 Biogeography
Crosslisted with: GEOG 308, GEOL 308
Prerequisites: GEOG 155 or BIOS 101 and 101L or GEOL 101.
Notes: Biogeography is a highly interdisciplinary science, relying heavily on ecology, geological science, and climatology. It is global in scope and offers the latest knowledge in understanding organism distributions, and the factors that determine those distributions.
Description: Introduction to the basic concepts of biogeography, the study of distributions of plants and animals, both past and present.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 310 Introduction to Forest Management
Prerequisites: BIOS 101, PLAS 131 or LIFE 120
Description: Discussion of the history, biology, and management of the world's forest resources with emphasis on the Great Plains region. Topics include: forest types and their relationship to site conditions, ecological principles of forest management, basic forest management practices, economic and policy decisions in forest management. The field-oriented lab emphasizes tree identification, forest ecology, forest management and wood products.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $15

NRES 311 Wildlife Ecology and Management
Prerequisites: NRES 220 or BIOS 207, or concurrent.
Description: Applied ecology, conservation biology, population biology, and enhancement of vertebrate, non-domestic animal populations through management. Emphasis on policy, decision-making, and management options involving people, habitat, and wildlife.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
Prerequisite for: ASCI 321

NRES 315 Human Dimensions of Fish and Wildlife Management
Description: Introduction to the basic concepts and ideas relevant in the human dimension of fisheries and wildlife management. Covers social, cultural and economic values, attitudes and behavior of individuals and groups of various stakeholders in fisheries and wildlife management.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 319 Fundamentals of Environmental Sampling
Prerequisites: SOIL 153, WATS 281, CHEM 105A and 105L or CHEM 109A and 109L.
Notes: Recommend taking STAT 218.
Description: Development of sampling plans and quality assurance project plans (QAPP). Stepwise procedures for correct sampling of soil-air-water environments. Data quality assessment.
Credit Hours: 2
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: NRES 320

NRES 320 Fundamentals of Environmental Sampling Laboratory
Prerequisites: NRES 319 or concurrent enrollment
Notes: Outdoor and analytical laboratory field trips required.
Description: Demonstrations and hands on participation in sampling of soil-air-water environments.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $30

NRES 321 Arboriculture: Maintenance & Selection of Landscape Trees
Crosslisted with: PLAS 321
Prerequisites: Junior standing
Description: Covers practical application of the science of tree growth, development, and management in human dominated landscapes. Tree selection for varying landscapes and objectives, proper planting and pruning, identification and correction of tree defects, and working with tree pest issues.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
Groups: Laboratory and Field Training

NRES 322 Environmental Education Curricula
Description: National curricula are available to formal and non-formal environmental and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) educators. Become certified in a series of national environmental education curricula such as Project WILD, Project WET, Project Aquatic WILD and Project Learning Tree. Apply skills and curricula by teaching others through experiential service learning.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR
Course and Laboratory Fee: $55
Experiential Learning: Community Engagement

NRES 323 Natural Resources Policy
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Description: Conflicts and common ground perpetuated by increasing demands on our natural resources. Policy development and issue analysis stressed. Historical policy actions reviewed and evaluated.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 330 Environmental Health
Crosslisted with: NUTR 330
Prerequisites: Class standing of sophomore or above with at least one semester of chemistry and biology.
Description: Provides a comprehensive understanding of how environmental exposures to physical, chemical and biological hazards influence human health. Offers basic knowledge in the core concepts of toxicology, exposure and risk, vulnerable populations and the interrelationship between human, animal and environmental health.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL/SPR
ACE: ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

NRES 348 Wildlife Damage Management
Description: Fundamentals of prevention and control of damage caused by vertebrate pests, principally birds and mammals. Philosophical, ecological, and behavioral basis for controlling population levels or individuals of pest species.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $35

NRES 361 Soils, Environment and Water Quality
Crosslisted with: PLAS 361, GEOL 361, SOIL 361, WATS 361
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; MATH 102 or 103; two semesters chemistry (CHEM 105A and 105L, CHEM 106A and 106L, CHEM 109A and 109L, CHEM 110A and 110L) and WATS/GEOG/NRES 281
Description: Chemical and physical processes that influence the fate and transport of contaminants (inorganic, organic, microbial) in soil-water environments. Extent, fate, mitigation and impact of various sources of pollution. Remedial technologies used for environmental restoration of contaminated environments.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: PLAS 458, AGRO 858, NRES 458, NRES 858, SOIL 458

NRES 370 Applied Climatology
Crosslisted with: METR 370
Prerequisites: Junior or Senior Standing
Description: Processes that give rise to spatial and temporal differences in climate. Various interrelationships between humans and climate. Influence of climate on building styles, the economy, water resources, human health, and society. Humans' inadvertent and purposeful modification of the atmosphere.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL
Course and Laboratory Fee: $20

NRES 374 Field Herpetology
Prerequisites: BIOS 207 OR NRES 220
Description: Become proficient in valuable skills regarding methods, techniques and standards for obtaining field data regarding Herpetofauna for various applications. Gain knowledge of the principles for conservation and management of Herpetofauna such as occupancy, population demographics, regional status, threat analysis, infectious disease occurrences and more. Ability to utilize critical thinking to propose solutions in regard to herpetological conservation and management situations/scenarios. Recognize and identify Nebraska Herpetofauna.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SUMMER
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 379 Advanced Soil Evaluation
Crosslisted with: PLAS 379, SOIL 379
Prerequisites: PLAS/NRES/SOIL 279
Notes: This course includes a national- or regional-level inter-collegiate Soil Judging contest that takes place during the course of the class.
Description: Apply fundamental knowledge and improve field techniques to the description and interpretation of soils in the field. Application of techniques employed in writing descriptions of soil morphology and in classifying and interpreting soils.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL/SPR
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 380 Geography of Africa
Crosslisted with: GEOG 380, ETHN 380
Description: Overview of the major physical and human landscapes in Africa. Prominent past and current events will be placed into a spatial context in an attempt to develop insight into the interrelationships that exist among people, cultures, countries, economies, and the environment, not only within Africa, but between Africa and the rest of the world.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

NRES 386 Vertebrate Zoology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 386
Prerequisites: LIFE 121 & LIFE 121L
Description: Evolutionary origin and relationships, natural history, and ecological adaptations of vertebrates. Comparative form and function, particularly of bone and muscle systems among and the diversity within vertebrate groups.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING
Course and Laboratory Fee: $35

NRES 388 Employment Seminar
Crosslisted with: AGRI 388
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing.
Description: Efficient job-hunting. Resumes, cover letters, mock interviews, and dining etiquette.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Grading Option: Pass No Pass
Prerequisite for: AGRI 395
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 393 Digital Imaging and Storytelling in Agriculture and Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: ALEC 393
Prerequisites: Consent of instructor(s). One college level course in photography or equivalent, and knowledge of the basics of shooting still photographs or video using digital cameras. Open only to College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources students.
Notes: Can be repeated for a maximum of 9 credit hours by consent of instructor.
Description: Concepts and techniques related to use of remote and automated digital camera technology to capture images in agriculture and natural resources contexts to communicate a narrative/story. Completion of individual project using a variety of technologies including camera traps, time-lapse camera systems, remote triggered cameras, as well as traditional audio and video and conventional photography.
Credit Hours: 1-9
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 9
Max credits per degree: 9
Grading Option: Graded
Course and Laboratory Fee: $50
Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

NRES 398R Research Experiences in Grasslands
Crosslisted with: GRAS 398R, PLAS 398R
Description: Scientific and research training and necessary soft skills for researchers, using grasslands as a study system. Provides individualized opportunities for engagement with scientific methods, which include experiential learning, acquisition and refinement of skills that enhance higher-learning opportunities, and increased marketability for future employment or postgraduate degrees.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 5
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL
Experiential Learning: Case Work, Project-Based Learning, Research

NRES 399 Independent Research
Prerequisites: 8 hrs NRES or closely related areas.
Notes: To be supervised and evaluated by a NRES faculty member.
Description: Research, literature review, or extension of course work.
Credit Hours: 1-5
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 402 Aquatic Insects
Crosslisted with: BIOS 485, BIOS 885, ENTO 402, ENTO 802, NRES 802
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: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: BIOS 485L, BIOS 885L, ENTO 402L, ENTO 802L, NRES 402L, NRES 802L

NRES 402L Identification of Aquatic Insects
Crosslisted with: BIOS 485L, BIOS 885L, ENTO 402L, ENTO 802L, NRES 802L
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 404 Forestry, Fisheries and Wildlife Seminar
Prerequisites: Junior standing or above in natural resources.
Description: Seminar involving technical aspects of forestry, fisheries, and wildlife management.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 2
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 406 Plant Ecophysiology: Theory and Practice
Crosslisted with: AGRO 806, HORT 806, NRES 806, 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: Graded with Option

NRES 408 Microclimate: The Biological Environment
Crosslisted with: PLAS 408, GEOG 408, METR 408, WATS 408, AGRO 808, GEOG 808, HORT 808, METR 808, NRES 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: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: BSEN 954, NRES 954

NRES 409 Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
Prerequisites: Junior standing; 12 credit hours in natural resources, environmental studies, or closely related fields
Description: Overview of the human dimensions of natural resources issues. Exploration of the socioeconomic, cultural, and political aspects of human behavior and how these interact with, might influence, or are influenced by the environment.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 413 Environmental Leadership
Crosslisted with: ALEC 410, ALEC 810, NRES 813
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: Graded with Option

NRES 415 GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: NRES 815
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 417 Agroforestry Systems in Sustainable Agriculture
Crosslisted with: PLAS 418, HORT 818, NRES 817
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: Graded with Option

NRES 418 Introduction to Remote Sensing
Crosslisted with: GEOG 418, GEOG 818, NRES 818
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: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL
Prerequisite for: GEOG 421, GEOG 821, NRES 421, NRES 821
Course and Laboratory Fee: $115

NRES 419 Chemistry of Natural Waters
Crosslisted with: GEOL 418, GEOL 818, NRES 819, WATS 418
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 420 Applications of Remote Sensing in Agriculture and Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: PLAS 419, GEOG 419, GEOL 419, AGRO 819, GEOG 819, GEOL 819, NRES 820
Notes: GEOG 418/NRES 418 recommended
Description: Introduction to the practical uses of remote electromagnetic sensing in dealing with agricultural and water-resources issues.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $35

NRES 421 Field Techniques in Remote Sensing
Crosslisted with: GEOG 421, GEOG 821, NRES 821
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $65

NRES 422 Laboratory Earth: Earth's Changing Systems
Crosslisted with: NRES 822
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: Graded with Option

NRES 424 Forest Ecology
Crosslisted with: NRES 824
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 425 Wildlife Health
Crosslisted with: VBMS 425
Prerequisites: LIFE 120 and LIFE 121; Junior standing and above
Description: Introduction to ecological, social, and institutional issues. Engage in discussions of important zoonotic diseases, diseases of conservation concern, non-infectious threats, and strategies for assessing and managing wildlife health.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: SPRING

NRES 426 Invasive Plants
Crosslisted with: PLAS 426, AGRO 826, HORT 826, NRES 826
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 427 Introduction to the Global Positioning System (GPS)
Crosslisted with: GEOG 427, GEOG 827, NRES 827
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $65

NRES 428 Leadership in Public Organizations
Crosslisted with: ALEC 428, ALEC 828, NRES 828
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: Graded with Option
Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

NRES 429A Food Security: A Global Perspective
Crosslisted with: PLAS 429A, AGRO 829A, HORT 829A, NRES 829A, 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: Graded with Option

NRES 431 Waterfowl Ecology and Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 831
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: Graded with Option

NRES 432 Programming, Scripting, and Automation for GIS
Crosslisted with: GEOG 432, GEOG 832
Prerequisites: GEOG 217
Notes: Practical experience or other formal preparation in GIS may be substituted for prerequisite by permission.
Description: GIS-focused programming, scripting, and spatial analysis using the Python and R programming languages. Topics include: the ArcPy library, algorithm development, open source geospatial libraries, and the manipulation and analysis of geospatial data.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
Course and Laboratory Fee: $50

NRES 433 Wildlife Management Techniques
Crosslisted with: NRES 833
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: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product
Course and Laboratory Fee: $10

NRES 434 Environmental Education and Interpretation
Crosslisted with: NRES 834, 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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $40
Experiential Learning: Community Engagement

NRES 435 Agroecology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 435, AGRO 835, NRES 835
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: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 436 Cenozoic Mammal Evolution
Crosslisted with: GEOL 436, GEOL 836, NRES 836
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 438 Grassland Conservation: Planning and Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 838
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: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product
Course and Laboratory Fee: $30

NRES 439 Environmental Laboratory Instrumentation and Methods
Crosslisted with: NRES 839
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 440 Great Plains Ecosystem
Crosslisted with: PLAS 440, AGRO 840, NRES 840, RNGE 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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 441 Zoo Keeping and Management
Description: Examine and build on the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to work in a zoo in various capactities including animal keeping, guest services and curation. Acquire knowledge in all aspects needed to manage zoos including individual species care, collections, guest services, species conservation, and AZA accreditation. Become familiar with the concepts and challenges associated with the biological, educational, ethical, and administrative aspects of zoo science through partnerships and interactions with local zoos.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded
Offered: FALL/SPR
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product
Course and Laboratory Fee: $100

NRES 442 Wildland Plants
Crosslisted with: PLAS 442, AGRO 842, NRES 842, RNGE 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: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 443 Global Change & Ecosystems
Crosslisted with: NRES 843
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 444 Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment
Crosslisted with: PLAS 444, AGRO 844, NRES 844, RNGE 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: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 446 Pollen Analysis for Behavioral, Biological and Forensic Science
Crosslisted with: FORS 446, FORS 846, NRES 846
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: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 447 Archaeoparasitology: The Archaeology of Disease
Crosslisted with: NRES 847
Description: Study of parasites, their hosts, and the relationship between them. Human parasitology is especially interesting due to the adaptation of human populations to a great variety of parasites over long periods of time in the global diversity of environments. Fundamental understanding of human-parasite relations and methods of recovery of parasites from a variety of archaeological remains.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 450 Biology of Wildlife Populations
Crosslisted with: BIOS 450, BIOS 850, NRES 850
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
Course and Laboratory Fee: $10

NRES 451 Soils, Water, and Environmental Chemistry
Crosslisted with: ENVE 851, NRES 851
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 452 Climate and Society
Crosslisted with: PLAS 450, GEOG 450, METR 450, AGRO 850, GEOG 850, METR 850, NRES 852
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 453 Hydrology
Crosslisted with: NRES 853
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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
Prerequisite for: AGEN 957, BSEN 957, CIVE 957, GEOL 957

NRES 454 Ecological Interactions
Crosslisted with: BIOS 454, BIOS 854, NRES 854
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
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 455 Soil Chemistry and Mineralogy
Crosslisted with: PLAS 455, AGRO 855, NRES 855, 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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 456 Mathematical Models in Biology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 456, BIOS 856, NRES 856
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: Graded with Option

NRES 457 Green Space and Urban Forestry Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 857, 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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 458 Soil Physical Determinations
Crosslisted with: PLAS 458, AGRO 858, NRES 858, 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: Graded with Option

NRES 459 Limnology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 459, BIOS 859, NRES 859, WATS 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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 460 Soil Microbial Ecology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 460, BIOS 460, SOIL 460, AGRO 860, BIOS 860, NRES 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: Graded with Option
Offered: SPRING

NRES 461 Soil Physics
Crosslisted with: PLAS 461, SOIL 461, WATS 461, AGRO 861, NRES 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: Graded with Option

NRES 462 Conservation Biology
Crosslisted with: NRES 862
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: Graded with Option

NRES 463 Fisheries Science
Crosslisted with: NRES 863
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: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 463L Fisheries Science Lab
Crosslisted with: NRES 863L
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: Total Seats Needed: 150

NRES 467 Global Climate Change
Crosslisted with: METR 483, METR 883, NRES 867
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: Graded with Option

NRES 468 Wetlands
Crosslisted with: BIOS 458, NRES 868, WATS 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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $40

NRES 469 Bio-Atmospheric Instrumentation
Crosslisted with: GEOG 469, PLAS 407, METR 469, AGST 469, AGRO 869, GEOG 869, HORT 807, METR 869, AGST 869, NRES 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: Graded with Option

NRES 470 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 and remediation of eutrophications 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: Graded with Option

NRES 472 Applied Soil Physics
Crosslisted with: PLAS 472, AGRO 872, NRES 872, SOIL 472, WATS 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: Graded with Option
Offered: FALL

NRES 474 Herpetology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 474, BIOS 874, NRES 874
Prerequisites: BIOS/NRES 386 and permission.
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $90

NRES 475 Water Quality Strategy
Crosslisted with: NRES 875, SOIL 475, WATS 475, PLAS 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, AGST 475, AGST 875, POLS 475, POLS 875
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Notes: Capstone course.
Description: Holistic approach to the selection and analysis of planning strategies for protecting water quality from nonpoint sources of contamination. Introduction to the use of methods of analyzing the impact of strategies on whole systems and subsystems; for selecting strategies; and for evaluating present strategies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 476 Mammalogy
Crosslisted with: BIOS 476, BIOS 876, NRES 876
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $25

NRES 477 Great Plains Field Pedology
Crosslisted with: PLAS 477, GEOG 467, SOIL 477, GEOG 867, NRES 877
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: Graded with Option

NRES 478 Regional Climatology
Crosslisted with: METR 478, METR 878, NRES 878
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: Graded with Option

NRES 479 Hydroclimatology
Crosslisted with: METR 479, WATS 479, BSEN 479, NRES 879, 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: Graded with Option

NRES 481 Stream and River Ecology
Crosslisted with: WATS 481, WATS 881, BIOS 481
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

NRES 482 Ecophysiology of Wildlife
Crosslisted with: NRES 882
Prerequisites: NRES 220 or BIOS 207; PLAS 215/BIOS 206; 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 484 Water Resources Seminar
Crosslisted with: PLAS 484, GEOG 484, GEOL 484, WATS 484, NRES 884, AGRO 884, GEOG 884, GEOL 884, WATS 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: Graded with Option

NRES 485 Natural Resources Seminar
Crosslisted with: NRES 885
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 486A Professional Certifications: Certified Interpretive Guide
Crosslisted with: NRES 886A
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 486B Professional Certifications: Certified Interpretive Host
Crosslisted with: NRES 886B
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 487 Introduction to Landscape Ecology
Crosslisted with: LARC 487
Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153 and BIOS/NRES 220.
Notes: PLAS/LARC/GEOG 200, CIVE 353/853/NRES 853, and CRPL 470 recommended.
Description: The history, principles, and concepts of landscape ecology. Use and application of landscape structure, function in the planning, the design, and management of human and natural landscapes.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Graded

NRES 488 Groundwater Geology
Crosslisted with: GEOL 488, GEOL 888, NRES 888
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: Graded with Option
Prerequisite for: GEOL 470, GEOL 870; GEOL 986; NRES 918
Course and Laboratory Fee: $10

NRES 489 Ichthyology
Crosslisted with: BIOS 489, BIOS 889, NRES 889
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: Graded with Option
Course and Laboratory Fee: $20

NRES 491 Special Topics in Geography
Crosslisted with: GEOG 491, GEOG 891
Description: Topics vary.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 492 International Study Tours in Natural Resource Management
Crosslisted with: NRES 892
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: Graded with Option
ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity
Experiential Learning: Education Abroad

NRES 493 Experiences in Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: NRES 893
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: Graded with Option
Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 495 Grasslands Seminar
Crosslisted with: PLAS 495, ENTO 495, GRAS 495, RNGE 495, SOIL 495
Prerequisites: Junior standing.
Description: Topic varies and deals with different aspects of forage and/or range and/or livestock, turf and/or landscape grasses, natural habitats, and wetlands.
Credit Hours: 1-2
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 2
Max credits per degree: 4
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 496 Independent Study
Prerequisites: 12 hrs natural resource sciences or closely-related fields, and permission.
Description: Individual or group projects in research, literature review, or extension of course work.
Credit Hours: 1-5
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 12
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 497 Career Experiences in Natural Resource Sciences
Prerequisites: Sophomore standing; School of Natural Resources (SNR) majors; permission and advanced approval of a plan of work.
Description: Off-campus work experiences sponsored by natural resource agencies, companies, and organizations. Students collaborate in the development of a plan of work that will identify student responsibilities, including a final written report.
Credit Hours: 1-6
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option
Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

NRES 498 Special Topics in Natural Resources
Crosslisted with: NRES 898
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: Graded with Option

NRES 499 Thesis Research
Prerequisites: Permission of thesis adviser.
Notes: Requires conducting a scholarly research project and writing an undergraduate thesis.
Credit Hours: 3-6
Min credits per semester: 3
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 499H Honors Thesis
Prerequisites: Admission to the University Honors Program and permission.
Notes: AGRI 299H recommended.
Description: Conduct a scholarly research project and write a University Honors Program or undergraduate thesis.
Credit Hours: 3-6
Min credits per semester: 3
Max credits per semester: 6
Max credits per degree: 6
Grading Option: Graded

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, WATS 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, WATS 418
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
Notes: GEOG 418/NRES 418 recommended
Description: Introduction to the practical uses of remote electromagnetic sensing in dealing with agricultural and water-resources issues.
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 847 Archaeoparasitology: The Archaeology of Disease
Crosslisted with: NRES 447
Description: Study of parasites, their hosts, and the relationship between them. Human parasitology is especially interesting due to the adaptation of human populations to a great variety of parasites over long periods of time in the global diversity of environments. Fundamental understanding of human-parasite relations and methods of recovery of parasites from a variety of archaeological remains.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
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
Course and Laboratory Fee: $10

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, WATS 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: $25

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, WATS 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
Course and Laboratory Fee: Total Seats Needed: 150

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, WATS 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 872 Applied Soil Physics
Crosslisted with: PLAS 472, AGRO 872, NRES 472, SOIL 472, WATS 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: BIOS/NRES 386 and permission.
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
Course and Laboratory Fee: $90

NRES 875 Water Quality Strategy
Crosslisted with: NRES 475, SOIL 475, WATS 475, PLAS 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, AGST 475, AGST 875, POLS 475, POLS 875
Prerequisites: Senior standing.
Notes: Capstone course.
Description: Holistic approach to the selection and analysis of planning strategies for protecting water quality from nonpoint sources of contamination. Introduction to the use of methods of analyzing the impact of strategies on whole systems and subsystems; for selecting strategies; and for evaluating present strategies.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Grading Option: Grade Pass/No Pass Option

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

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, WATS 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 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 882 Ecophysiology of Wildlife
Crosslisted with: NRES 482
Prerequisites: NRES 220 or BIOS 207; PLAS 215/BIOS 206; 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, WATS 484, AGRO 884, GEOG 884, GEOL 884, WATS 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 470, GEOL 870; 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

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: Biology,Psychology,& Politics American Government&Public Pol

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 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
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 950 International Applications of Conservation Agriculture
Crosslisted with: AGRI 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

Career Information

The following represents a sample of the internships, jobs and graduate school programs that current students and recent graduates have reported.

Jobs of Recent Graduates

- Integrated Water Management Planner, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources - Lincoln, NE
- Environmental Public Health Intern, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department - Lincoln, NE
- Environmental Health Technical Professional Worker, Lincoln Lancaster County Health Dept - Lincoln, NE
- Data Analyst, C-Minus - Auburn, NE
- Home Energy Assessor, Mark Group - Burlington, MA
- Supply Analyst, Union Pacific - Omaha, NE
- Pilot, Nebraska National Guard - Lincoln, NE

Internships

- Conservation Policy Intern, Nebraska Wildlife Federation - Lincoln, NE
- Environmental Marketing Intern, LI-COR Biosciences - Lincoln, NE
- Sustainability Intern, Lincoln Mayor's Office - Beutler - Lincoln, NE
- Sales Intern/Home Restoration Specialist, Home-One Roofing - Lincoln, NE
- Intern, USDA - NE Farm Service Agency - Lincoln, NE
- HR/Org Development Intern, Orthman Manufacturing - Lexington, NE
- Engineering Intern, EXMARK - Lincoln, NE
- Intern, Sandhills Publishing - Lincoln, NE
- Sales Intern, Assurity Life Insurance - Lincoln, NE

Graduate & Professional Schools

- Master's in Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln, NE
- Master's in Management & Organizations, University of Colorado-Denver - Denver, CO
- Master's in Environmental Policy, University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI
- Master's in Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln, NE
- Master's in Public Accountancy, University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Lincoln, NE