PRECISION AGRICULTURE

Description

The precision agriculture minor is for students who desire an understanding of how remote-sensing and geographic information system (GIS) techniques can be applied in the context of site-specific crop management. It will support the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources strategic plan priority focused on sustainable food, fiber, and natural resource systems that support a bio-based economy. The minor will also provide an opportunity for students to receive documented, in-depth training regarding sensing systems and the integration and analysis techniques of geospatial information for crop management at the sub-field level.

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. 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 ensure 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 their 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 CASNR¹ (>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.

Requirements for Minor Offered by Department

A minor in precision agriculture will include a minimum of thirteen (13) credit hours, including three core courses and one elective, all at the 300 and 400 level.

Required Courses

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NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	3
NRES 415	GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources ¹	4
or NRES 418	Introduction to Remote Sensing	
PLAS 431 / AGEN 431 / AGST 431	Site-specific Crop Management	3
Credit Hours Subt	total:	10
Elective Courses		
Choose one of the	e following:	3
AGST 416	Sensors and Control Systems for Agri- Industries	
NRES 415	GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources ¹	
or NRES 418 Introduction to Remote Sensing		
NRES 420 / GEOG 419 / GEOL 419 / PLAS 419	Applications of Remote Sensing in Agriculture and Natural Resources	
NRES 421 / GEOG 421	Field Techniques in Remote Sensing	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Total Credit Hours		13

If NRES 415 or NRES 418 is taken as a required course, the other may be taken and used as an elective.

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 4 Science ACE 8 Civic/Ethics/Stewardship

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 Course and Laboratory Fee: \$70



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 Course and Laboratory Fee: \$10

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

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: 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

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 Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

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 255 Soil Health and Environment

Crosslisted with: PLAS 255, SOIL 255

Prerequisites: SOIL 153

Description: Develop a life-long interest in observing and studying soil health and ecosystems. Provide the necessary academic skills to incorporate soil health principles into real-world applications, including natural resource conservation, evaluation of regenerative practices, and promotion of environmental sustainability. Prepare professionals and advocates of soil ecosystems.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded Offered: FALL



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 Course and Laboratory Fee: \$60 Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

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

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

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

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

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$65

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

NRES 361 Soils, Environment and Water Quality

Crosslisted with: PLAS 361, GEOL 361, SOIL 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 Course and Laboratory Fee: \$50 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: 7 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL/SPR Course and Laboratory Fee: \$150 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

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: Permission of instructor

Notes: To be supervised and evaluated by a NRES faculty member. Description: Research, literature review, or extension of course work. Credit Hours: 0-6 Min credits per semester: Max credits per semester: 6 Max credits per degree: 6 Grading Option: Graded with Option Experiential Learning: Research

NRES 399A Global Independent Research

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor

Notes: International travel required. Choice of subject matter and coordination of off-campus study is at the discretion of the instructor. **Description:** Independent, mentored research experience illustrating the diversity of approaches to research in natural resources found around the world.

Credit Hours: 0-6

Min credits per semester: Max credits per semester: 6 Max credits per degree: 6 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SUMMER Experiential Learning: Research

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



NRES 408 Microclimate: The Biological Environment

Crosslisted with: PLAS 408, GEOG 408, METR 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 oddnumbered years and in the classroom fall semester of even numberedyears.

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

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

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Description: Introduction to the basic methods and practical applications of remote sensing to map, monitor and assess agricultural and natural resources and other environmental changes

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: 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, plantherbicide 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.

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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



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 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

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 121L; 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

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: \$85

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, 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 Offered: FALL Course and Laboratory Fee: \$150

Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

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, 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

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 471 Avian Biology

Crosslisted with: BIOS 475, BIOS 875, NRES 871 Prerequisites: LIFE 121 & LIFE 121L

Notes: May also be offered at Cedar Point Biological Station. **Description:** Biology of birds emphasizing the behavior and ecology of this group. Topics include avian diversity, systematics & evolutionary history, flight, foraging, migration, communication, reproductive biology, population ecology and conservation biology. **Credit Hours:** 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 472 Applied Soil Physics

Crosslisted with: PLAS 472, AGRO 872, NRES 872, SOIL 472 Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; MATH 102 or MATH 104 or MATH 106. Description: Emphasis on applied soil physics. Discussion of theoretical principles followed by field and laboratory exercises and applications. Fluxes of water, solutes, air, and heat through the soil. Emphasis on water infiltration, water retention, other soil hydraulic properties. Components of soil water balance. Management of soil water. Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL

NRES 474 Herpetology

Crosslisted with: BIOS 474, BIOS 874, NRES 874 Prerequisites: NRES/BIOS 386 Description: Fossil and living amphibians and reptiles. Anatomy, classification, ecology and evolution. Credit Hours: 4 Max credits per semester: 4 Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL Course and Laboratory Fee: \$50

NRES 475 Water Quality Strategy

Crosslisted with: NRES 875, SOIL 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 surveved.

Credit Hours: 4 Max credits per semester: 4 Max credits per degree: 4 Grading Option: Graded with Option Course and Laboratory Fee: \$80

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

NRES 479 Hydroclimatology

Crosslisted with: METR 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 481K Stream and River Ecology

Crosslisted with: WATS 881K, BIOS 481, NRES 881K Prerequisites: NRES 222 or equivalent

Description: Fundamental physical drivers operating in stream and river ecosystems and how those vary in space and time. Major classes of organisms associated with stream ecosystems and their functional roles. Fundamental controls on biotic diversity in stream and river ecosystems and its variance. Major aspects of stream ecosystem function including energy flow and nutrient cycling. Ecosystem services provided by stream and river ecosystems and causes and consequences of human impacts on streams and rivers. Underlying principles of bioassessment and current methods of stream restoration.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4 Max credits per degree: 4 Grading Option: Graded Course and Laboratory Fee: \$20 Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 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, NRES 884, AGRO 884, GEOG 884, GEOL 884 Prerequisites: Junior or above standing Description: Seminar on current water resources research and issues in Nebraska and the region. Credit Hours: 1 Max credits per semester: 1 Max credits per degree: 1 Grading Option: 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 Experiential Learning: Research

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 Prereguisites: 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: Permission of instructor Description: Individual or group projects in research or management. Credit Hours: 1-6 Min credits per semester: 1 Max credits per semester: 6 Max credits per degree: 12 Grading Option: Graded with Option Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

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.

Description: Independent engagement in the research process in natural resources to conduct a scholarly research project and write an undergraduate thesis.

Credit Hours: 0-6 Min credits per semester: Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 6 Grading Option: Graded with Option Experiential Learning: Research

NRES 499H Honors Thesis

Prerequisites: Admission to the University Honors Program and permission.

Description: Independent engagement in the research process in natural resources to conduct a scholarly research project and write an undergraduate thesis as a participant in the University Honors Program. **Credit Hours:** 0-6

Min credits per semester: Max credits per semester: 6 Max credits per degree: 6 Grading Option: Graded Experiential Learning: Research

AGST 109 Physical Principles in Agriculture and Life Sciences

Prerequisites: MATH 101 or 102 or 103 or 104 or 106; or placement in MATH 102 or 104 or 106.

Notes: Students cannot receive credit for both AGST 109 and PHYS 141 or 151.

Description: Fundamental principles of mechanics, heat, electricity, magnetism and electromagnetism and their relationship to energy utilization and conservation. Principles then applied to problem situations in agriculture and life sciences.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option Prerequisite for: AGST 109L; AGST 216; AGST 232; AGST 262; AGST 342; AGST 354, SOIL 354; AGST 362; AGST 452, AGST 852, PLAS 452;

AGST 354, SOIL 354, AGST 362, AGST 452, AGST 852, PLAS 452, FDST 363, AGST 363 ACE: ACE 4 Science

AGST 109L Physical Principles in Agriculture and Life Sciences Laboratory

Prerequisites: AGST 109 or parallel, or PHYS 151 **Description:** Laboratory experiments on mechanics, heat, electricity, magnetism and electromagnetism and their relationship to energy utilization and conservation in agriculture and life sciences. **Credit Hours:** 1

Max credits per semester: 1 Max credits per degree: 1 Grading Option: Graded with Option

AGST 162 Introduction to Agricultural Systems Technology

Description: Basic principles of describing and evaluating mechanized systems relevant to agriculture, food, energy, and water. Problem solving using systems-thinking. Exploration of major and career opportunities. Academic success and planning.

Credit Hours: 1 Max credits per semester: 1 Max credits per degree: 1 Grading Option: Graded with Option

AGST 216 Fundamentals of Electrical Systems

Prerequisites: AGST 109 or PHYS 141, or PHYS 151, or PHYS 211 **Description:** Basic theory of electrical circuits, utilization of electric energy in production, processing, and residential applications. Theory and application of direct current (DC) and alternating current (AC) principles, switch and outlet wiring, wiring installations, selection of safe and adequate circuit devices, service equipment sizing, conductor sizing, electric motor operation and their control are covered. Develop switch and relay circuit schematics and build both DC and AC functional circuits. Ladder logic diagrams will be studied to understand the basic controls implemented in industrial automation. **Credit Hours**: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SPRING Prerequisite for: AGST 412; AGST 416

AGST 232 Power and Machinery Principles

Prerequisites: AGST 109, or PHYS 141, or PHYS 151, or PHYS 211, or parallel PHYS 211

Description: Operational characteristics of IC engines, field, materialshandling, and processing machines and their components. Includes analyses, estimations, and objective comparisons of performance; principles for adjustment and calibration of metering systems; and costeffective sizing of machines. Exercises include using ASABE Standards and available reports of machine performance (tractor test reports, etc.). **Credit Hours**: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL

AGST 262 Techno-Economic Project Management

Prerequisites: AGST 109 or PHYS 141 or PHYS 151 or PHYS 211. **Notes:** Open to AGST majors only.

Description: Professional communication of technical information. Strategies for effective teamwork to plan and execute technical projects. Fundamentals of project planning in a team-based context. Introduction to quantitative techno-economic analysis to support decision-making related to agricultural systems technology. Professional ethics in context of project management.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SPRING

AGST 299 Career Experiences

Prerequisites: Permission and advanced approval of plan or work. **Description:** Student participation in physical systems applications. May include participation in mechanization-related areas of agribusiness, production practices, and processing operations; research in laboratory, greenhouse and field; or preparation of teaching materials.

Credit Hours: 1-5 Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 5 Max credits per degree: 12 Grading Option: Pass No Pass

AGST 316 Technologies and Techniques in Digital Agriculture Prerequisites: Junior Standing

Notes: Class meets once a week with the lecture and lab being taught concurrently to foster hands-on learning.

Description: Overview of the digital agriculture technologies and techniques to support crop and livestock production systems. Emphasis on data life cycle including generation, collection, storage, processing, visualization, and analysis. Hands-on experiences with agricultural IoT, sensing, data processing, and decision making with open-source programming tools,

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SPRING

AGST 342 Animal Housing Systems

Prerequisites: AGST 109 or PHYS 141 or PHYS 151 or PHYS 211 **Description:** Production facilities for livestock and poultry will be developed with emphasis on building and feedlot layout, ventilation, heating and cooling systems; energy utilization; and construction materials and methods.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL

AGST 354 Soil Conservation and Watershed Management Crosslisted with: SOIL 354

Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; and AGST 109 or PHYS 141 or PHYS 151 or PHYS 211

Description: Watershed hydrology, soil erosion, erosion control, water management, and land surveying and mapping. Includes rainfall-runoff relationships; determination of watershed characteristics; terraces, waterways, vegetative filters, and residue management; ponds, wetlands, non-point source pollution control, and water conservation; profile and topographic surveying.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL

AGST 362 Agricultural Products Processing and Handling

Prerequisites: AGST 109 or PHYS 141 or PHYS 151 or PHYS 211 **Description:** Analysis of processing and handling operations. Chemical and physical characteristics of agricultural products. Application of pyschrometrics. Power requirements, capacities, and efficiencies of drying and conveying systems. Discussion of safety issues, logistics, and survey of industry technologies.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SPRING

AGST 363 Heat and Mass Transfer

Crosslisted with: FDST 363 Prerequisites: MATH 104 or 106; AGST 109 or PHYS 141 or 151. Description: Fundamentals of food engineering including material and energy balances, fluid mechanics, heat transfer and mass transfer. Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option

AGST 367 Pet Food Manufacturing

Crosslisted with: FDST 367

Prerequisites: FDST 205

Notes: Field trips are required and may occur outside of scheduled class time.

Description: The companion animal industry, products, processes and career opportunities.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

AGST 395 Internship in Agricultural Systems Technology Prerequisites: By permission

Notes: Completion of internship approval form is required. The internship proposal is subject to approval by the Department of Biological Systems Engineering. Pass/No Pass only.

Description: Practical experience, directed learning, and career exploration and development in a selected business, industry, agency, or educational institution. Credit Hours: 1-3 Min credits per semester: 1 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 5 Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

AGST 400A Occupational Safety

Prerequisites: Junior standing

Notes: Online course offered by Iowa State University through the AG*IDEA consortium. Contact CASNR Distance Education Consortium Coordinator for course details, prerequisites and registration information. **Description:** Identifies safety and health risks in industrial work environments. Focus on how managers and supervisors meet their responsibilities for providing a safe workplace for their employees. Includes the identification and remediation of workplace hazards. **Credit Hours:** 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

AGST 400E Biorenewable Systems Technology

Notes: Online course offered by Iowa State University through the AG*IDEA consortium. Contact CASNR Distance Education Consortium Coordinator for course details, prerequisites and registration information. **Description:** The science, engineering, economics and business of converting biorenewable resources into bioenergy and biobased products. Biorenewable concepts as they relate to drivers of change, feedstock production, economics, transportation and logistics, and marketing.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded

AGST 400K Chemical Application Systems

Notes: Online course offered by Kansas State University through the AG*IDEA consortium. Contact CASNR Distance Education Consortium Coordinator for course details, prerequisites and registration information. **Description:** Systems, components, operation practices, and safety procedures used in the chemical application industry. Liquid and granular application systems and respective components will be studied along with procedures for equipment sizing and maintenance, minimizing drift, system calibration, and safe handling-transportation-storage-disposal and spill clean-up of agrichemicals.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2 Max credits per degree: 2 Grading Option: Graded

AGST 412 Hydraulic Power Systems

Prerequisites: AGST 245

Description: Theory and application of fluids under controlled pressure to perform work in mobile and industrial applications. Positive displacement (PD) pumps, linear and rotary hydraulic actuators (hydraulic cylinders and motors), valves, and electric over hydraulic systems will be studied in detail. Fluid power circuit development on both hydraulic benches and computer simulated environments will be performed with emphasis on circuit analysis, and system troubleshooting.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SPRING

AGST 416 Sensors and Control Systems for Agri-Industries Prerequisites: AGST 245 or permission.

Description: Application of sensors for measurement of process control variables and implementation of microcomputer-based measurement and control systems. Basic electrical and electronic instrumentation plus control of electrically, pneumatically and/or hydraulically powered systems.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option

AGST 431 Site-specific Crop Management

Crosslisted with: AGEN 431, PLAS 431

Prerequisites: Senior standing; PLAS/SOIL 153; PLAS 204. **Description:** Principles and concepts of site-specific management. Evaluation of geographic information systems for crop production practices. Practical experience with hardware and software necessary for successful application of information affecting crop management. **Credit Hours:** 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option

AGST 433 Equipment and Tractor Testing

Crosslisted with: AGST 833

Prerequisites: AGST 232; and STAT 218 or STAT 380 or MECH 321 **Notes:** Offered spring semester in even-numbered calendar years. **Description:** Principles and procedures involved in testing agricultural equipment and tractors. Actual test planned, scheduled, conducted and reported. Test may be based upon procedures used at the Nebraska Tractor Testing Laboratory or involve other equipment being used for research in the department.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: SPRING

AGST 436 Embedded Controls for Agricultural Applications Crosslisted with: AGEN 436, AGEN 836, AGST 836

Prerequisites: AGEN/BSEN 260 or AGST 416

Description: Introduction to the basics of embedded controller programming, and the development of Controller Area Network (CAN) bus systems in agricultural applications. Interfacing sensors with analog and digital signals, closed loop control of actuators, transmission and reception of CAN messages, programming of CAN messages in a distributed controller set up for sensor data acquisition, and actuator control will be studied.

Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded Offered: FALL

AGST 452 Irrigation Systems Management

Crosslisted with: AGST 852, PLAS 452 Prerequisites: AGST 109 or PHYS 141 or PHYS 151 or PHYS 211 Notes: PLAS/SOIL 153 recommended.

Description: Irrigation management and the selection, evaluation, and improvement of irrigation systems. Includes soil-water measurement, crop water use, irrigation scheduling, irrigation efficiency, measurement of water flow, irrigation systems, groundwater and wells, pumping systems, applying chemicals with irrigation systems, and environmental and water resource considerations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option Offered: FALL

Prerequisite for: AGEN 854, AGST 854; AGST 855

AGST 462 Managing Technology in Agricultural Systems Crosslisted with: AGST 862

Prerequisites: Senior standing in AGST

Notes: Capstone course.

Description: Team-based activities to evaluate integration of technology into, and utilization of resources for, agricultural systems; perform technical and economic evaluations; make technical and economic recommendations; and develop professional written and oral reports. Topics include technology system performance and management, project scheduling and planning, cost estimation, reliability analysis, and risk assessment.

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 Experiential Learning: Case/Project-Based Learning

AGST 465 Food Engineering Unit Operations Crosslisted with: FDST 465, FDST 865, AGST 865 Prerequisites: FDST/AGST 363. Description: Unit operations and their applications to food processing. Credit Hours: 3 Max credits per semester: 3 Max credits per degree: 3 Grading Option: Graded with Option



AGST 469 Bio-Atmospheric Instrumentation

Crosslisted with: GEOG 469, PLAS 407, METR 469, NRES 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

AGST 475 Water Quality Strategy

Crosslisted with: NRES 475, NRES 875, SOIL 475, PLAS 475, AGRO 875, CIVE 475, CIVE 875, CRPL 475, CRPL 875, GEOL 475, GEOL 875, 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

AGST 492 Special Topics in Agricultural Systems Technology

Crosslisted with: AGST 892 Prerequisites: Permission Description: Subject matter in emerging areas of Mechanized Systems Management not covered in other courses within the curriculum. Topics, activities, and delivery methods 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

AGST 496 Principles and Problems in Mechanized Agriculture

Crosslisted with: AGST 896 Prerequisites: 15 hours in AGST or closely related area. Description: Individual or group projects in research, literature review, or extension of course work under the 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: 12

Grading Option: Graded with Option

AGST 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