



REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

Description

The purpose of the regional and community forestry (RCF) undergraduate degree program is to produce highly skilled and knowledgeable professionals with “career ready” skills in problem solving, critical thinking, and effective oral and written communication in the areas of urban forestry management and plant and social sciences essential to managing natural resources in rural and urban environments. Students will be qualified for immediate employment upon graduation or for advancement in several fields of study including horticulture, forestry, or natural resources sciences.

Students will complete multidisciplinary coursework during the program. An emphasis on internships with partners including state agencies, regional companies, and nonprofits will draw on interdisciplinary linkages within the University of Nebraska–Lincoln and will capitalize on strong partnerships with state agencies, nonprofits, and the private sector to enhance experiential learning opportunities.

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.

Learning Outcomes

Graduates of regional and community forestry will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of tree genera and species in regard to their natural habitats, range, and cultural uses.
2. Apply the principles of woody plant identification to correctly identify trees, shrubs, and vines in urban and natural landscapes.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts and science involved in the study and practice of arboriculture, urban natural resources, and urban forestry necessary for employment.
4. Communicate abstract and technical concepts regarding trees, arboriculture, and urban forestry to laypersons in a clear and concise manner.
5. Analyze urban forest management plans using scientifically derived information.
6. Prepare detailed tree management plans through prioritization of site and species selection criteria to meet diverse community objectives.
7. Evaluate the quality and reliability of available information regarding urban environments.

Major Requirements

Core Requirements

The following basic courses are required for students in regional and community forestry. In addition, students must select and meet the requirements of one of the options, depending on their individual interests and career objectives.

College Integrative Course (ACE 8)

NRES 101	Natural Resources Orientation	1
SCIL 101	Science and Decision-Making for a Complex World (ACE 8)	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		4

Mathematics

Select one of the following:		2-5
MATH 102	Trigonometry	

MATH 103	College Algebra and Trigonometry	
MATH 104	Applied Calculus	
MATH 106	Calculus I (ACE 3)	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		2-5
Statistics		
STAT 218	Introduction to Statistics	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Communications		
<i>Written Communication (ACE 1)</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 150	Writing and Inquiry	
ENGL 151	Writing for Change	
ENGL 254	Writing and Communities	
JGEN 120	Basic Business Communication	
JGEN 200	Technical Communication I	
JGEN 300	Technical Communication II	
<i>Oral Communication (ACE 2)</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ALEC 102	Interpersonal Skills for Leadership	
COMM 101	Communication in the 21st Century	
COMM 209	Public Speaking	
COMM 210	Communicating in Small Groups	
COMM 215	Visual Communication	
COMM 283	Interpersonal Communication	
COMM 286	Business and Professional Communication	
MRKT 257	Sales Communication	
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills	
Credit Hours Subtotal:		6
Economics		
Select one of the following:		3
AECN 141	Introduction to the Economics of Agriculture	
ECON 200	Economic Essentials and Issues	
ECON 211	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 212	Principles of Microeconomics	
Select one course each from ACE outcomes 5, 7, and 9		9
Credit Hours Subtotal:		12
Total Credit Hours		27-30

Specific Major Requirements

Requirements

ACE 10 Capstone

NRES 457 / PLAS 457	Green Space and Urban Forestry Management	3
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Biological Science

Select eight credits from the following: 8

LIFE 120 & LIFE 120L	Fundamentals of Biology I and Fundamentals of Biology I laboratory	
LIFE 121 & LIFE 121L	Fundamentals of Biology II and Fundamentals of Biology II Laboratory	
PLAS 131	Plant Science	
PLAS 133 or PLAS 134	Horticultural Plant Science Laboratory Plant Sciences Laboratory	

PLAS 278	Botany	
<i>Chemistry</i>		
Select one of the following:		4
CHEM 105A & CHEM 105L	Chemistry in Context I and Chemistry in Context I Laboratory	
CHEM 109A & CHEM 109L	General Chemistry I and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
<i>Physics</i>		
Select one of the following:		3-4
AGST 109	Physical Principles in Agriculture and Life Sciences	
PHYS 115	Descriptive Physics	
PHYS 141	Physics for Life Sciences I	
PHYS 151	Elements of Physics	
<i>Geographic Information Systems</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ANTH 389	GIS in Archaeology	
GEOG 217	Principles of GIS	
NRES 218	Introduction to Geospatial Technologies	
<i>Ecology</i>		
Select two of the following:		7
BIOS 207	Ecology and Evolution	
NRES 220 & NRES 222	Principles of Ecology and Ecology Laboratory	
NRES 424	Forest Ecology	
<i>Soil and Water Science</i>		
NRES 281 / GEOG 281	Introduction to Water Science	3
SOIL 153 / PLAS 153	Soil Resources	4
<i>Policy</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	
NRES 315	Human Dimensions of Fish and Wildlife Management	
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	
<i>Arboriculture and Forestry</i>		
NRES 302 / PLAS 302	Tree Biology	3
NRES 310	Introduction to Forest Management	4
NRES 321 / PLAS 321	Arboriculture: Maintenance & Selection of Landscape Trees	4
<i>Pests and Pathogens</i>		
ENTO 115 / BIOS 115	Insect Biology	3
ENTO 116 / BIOS 116	Insect Identification	1
PLPT 400 / BIOS 400	Intermediate Plant Pathology	3
<i>Plant Identification</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
PLAS 212 / NRES 212	Woody Plants for Landscapes: Identification, Management, and Use	



PLAS 213 / LARC 213 / NRES 213	Cultivars and Varieties of Woody Plants for Landscapes	
PLAS 214 / NRES 214	Herbaceous Landscape Plants	
NRES 201 / LARC 201 / PLAS 201	Dendrology: Study and Identification of Trees and Shrubs	
<i>Career Experience</i>		
NRES 497	Career Experiences in Natural Resource Sciences	1-6
Credit Hours Subtotal:		63-64
Total Credit Hours		63-64

Urban Forestry Management Option

<i>Urban Studies</i>		
Select three of the following:		9
CRPL 300	The Community and the Future	
CRPL 400	Introduction to Planning	
CRPL 460	Planning and Design in the Built Environment	
CRPL 489 / PLAS 489	Urbanization of Rural Landscapes	
GEOG 140	Introductory Human Geography	
NRES 289 / GEOG 289	People and the Land: Human Environmental Interactions on the Great Plains	
NRES 417	Agroforestry Systems in Sustainable Agriculture	
<i>Communications</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
ALEC 207	Communicating Science with Public Audiences	
ALEC 302	Dynamics of Effective Leadership in Organizations	
ALEC 305	Presentation Strategies to Communicate Agricultural and Environmental Sciences	
COMM 371	Communication in Negotiation and Conflict Resolution	
CRPL 420	Grant Writing and Fund-raising	
MNGT 300	Management Essentials For Contemporary Organizations	
NRES 301	Environmental Communication Skills	
NRES 434 / ENVR 434	Environmental Education and Interpretation	
<i>Policy</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
AECN 357 / NREE 357	Natural Resource and Environmental Law	
CRPL 470	Environmental Planning and Policy	
CRPL 471	Environmental Impact Assessment	
CRPL 472	Hazard Mitigation Planning	
NRES 323	Natural Resources Policy	
<i>Free Electives</i>		10
Total Credit Hours		28

Arboriculture Option

<i>Water Science</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
AGST 452 / PLAS 452	Irrigation Systems Management	
NRES 208	Climate Literacy in Natural Resources	
NRES 452	Climate and Society	
NRES 453	Hydrology	
NRES 468 / BIOS 458 / BSEN 468	Wetlands	
NRES 481K / BIOS 481	Stream and River Ecology	
<i>Soil Science</i>		
Select one of the following:		2-3
AGST 354 / SOIL 354	Soil Conservation and Watershed Management	
PLAS 453 / LARC 453 / SOIL 453	Urban Soil Properties and Management	
SOIL 279	Soil Evaluation	
<i>Horticulture and Plant Sciences</i>		
Select two of the following:		6
PLAS 221	Plant Propagation	
PLAS 278	Botany	
PLAS 326	Landscape Management Solutions	
PLAS 426	Invasive Plants	
PLAS 442 / NRES 442	Wildland Plants	
PLAS 478 / BIOS 478	Plant Anatomy	
<i>Business</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
ACCT 200	Accounting for Business Decisions	
ACCT 201	Introductory Accounting I	
ACCT 202	Introductory Accounting II	
BLAW 300	Business, Government & Society	
BLAW 371	Legal Environment	
EAEP 101	Introductory Seminar on Opportunities in Entrepreneurship	
EAEP 201	New Venture Experience	
MNGT 300	Management Essentials For Contemporary Organizations	
<i>Free Electives</i>		10
Total Credit Hours		24-25

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 218 Introduction to Geospatial Technologies**Notes:** Recommended to have basic computer skills**Description:** Theory and applications of geospatial information technology (GIT) with emphasis on real-world applications to natural resources. Overview of GIT, focusing on introduction of remote sensing, the global positioning system (GPS), and geographic information systems (GIS). Introduction to data collection, spatial data representation, georeferencing, spatial data analysis, and remote sensing image analysis.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$50**NRES 220 Principles of Ecology****Prerequisites:** LIFE 121 or BIOS 101 or PLAS 131; 3 hours MATH.**Notes:** Not open to students who have completed BIOS 207. Will not count toward a major in BIOS. MATH 100A is not sufficient preparation.**Description:** Ecology as a quantitative discipline that integrates the life and earth sciences to understand the dynamics of natural and managed ecosystems.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Prerequisite for:** 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

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**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

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 odd-numbered years and in the classroom fall semester of even numbered-years.

Description: Major leaders in conservation and ecology that emphasizes agricultural and cultural issues and relationships with the environment.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 415 GIS for Agriculture and Natural Resources

Crosslisted with: NRES 815

Description: Principles of digitizing earth observations. Manipulate spatial data, create maps, and conduct spatial analyses. Use GIS to analyze and solve real-world questions in agriculture and natural resources.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$50

NRES 417 Agroforestry Systems in Sustainable Agriculture

Crosslisted with: PLAS 418, HORT 818, NRES 817

Prerequisites: 12 hours biological or agricultural sciences.

Description: The roles of woody plants in sustainable agricultural systems of temperate regions. Emphasis on the ecological and economic benefits of trees and shrubs in the agricultural landscape. Topics include: habitat diversity and biological control; shelterbelts structure, function, benefits and design; intercropping systems; silvopastoral systems; riparian systems; and production of timber and specialty crops. Comparison of temperate agroforestry systems to those of tropical areas.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 418 Introduction to Remote Sensing

Crosslisted with: GEOG 418, GEOG 818, NRES 818

Prerequisites: Junior Standing

Description: Remote sensing of the earth from aerial and satellite platforms. Aerial photography, multispectral scanning, thermal imaging, microwave remote sensing techniques. Data acquisition and image analysis. Physical foundations of remote sensing using electromagnetic energy and energy-matter interactions. Applications in geographic, agricultural, environmental and natural resources analyses.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

Prerequisite for: GEOG 421, GEOG 821, NRES 421, NRES 821

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$115

NRES 419 Chemistry of Natural Waters

Crosslisted with: GEOL 418, GEOL 818, NRES 819

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, plant-herbicide and soil-herbicide interactions, equipment calibration and dosage calculations.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**NRES 427 Introduction to the Global Positioning System (GPS)****Crosslisted with:** GEOG 427, GEOG 827, NRES 827**Prerequisites:** Junior standing.**Notes:** Familiarity with mapping and GIS recommended.**Description:** Integrated lectures, lab exercises and field experience provide an understanding of GPS technology and applications. Students will learn to collect, correct and use GPS data in a geographic information system (GIS) environment.**Credit Hours:** 2**Max credits per semester:** 2**Max credits per degree:** 2**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$65**NRES 428 Leadership in Public Organizations****Crosslisted with:** ALEC 428, ALEC 828, NRES 828**Prerequisites:** Junior standing**Description:** Leadership in theories, research, and practices in public organizations and natural resource agencies.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Experiential Learning:** Case/Project-Based Learning**NRES 429A Food Security: A Global Perspective****Crosslisted with:** PLAS 429A, AGRO 829A, HORT 829A, NRES 829A, NUTR 429A, NUTR 829A**Prerequisites:** Junior standing**Description:** Overview of the technical and sociocultural dimensions of global food insecurity.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**NRES 431 Waterfowl Ecology and Management****Crosslisted with:** NRES 831**Prerequisites:** NRES 311**Description:** Ecology and identification of North American waterfowl, management of habitats and populations, and current management issues.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option

NRES 432 Programming, Scripting, and Automation for GIS

Crosslisted with: GEOG 432, GEOG 832

Prerequisites: GEOG 217

Notes: Practical experience or other formal preparation in GIS may be substituted for prerequisite by permission.

Description: GIS-focused programming, scripting, and spatial analysis using the Python and R programming languages. Topics include: the ArcPy library, algorithm development, open source geospatial libraries, and the manipulation and analysis of geospatial data.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$50

NRES 433 Wildlife Management Techniques

Crosslisted with: NRES 833

Prerequisites: NRES 311

Description: Survey of methods used to obtain data and make decisions for wildlife management. Scientific methods for wildlife science; monitoring and surveys; construction of management plans; habitat use, classification, and management; harvest management.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$10

NRES 434 Environmental Education and Interpretation

Crosslisted with: NRES 834, ENVR 434

Notes: Requires 20 hours of service.

Description: Examination of formal and informal environmental education and interpretation. Knowledge, application and practice relevant to science teachers and park, extension, museums, and zoo educators.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$40

Experiential Learning: Community Engagement

NRES 435 Agroecology

Crosslisted with: PLAS 435, AGRO 835, NRES 835

Prerequisites: For PLAS/NRES 435: Senior standing. For AGRO/NRES 835: 12 hrs biological or agricultural sciences.

Description: Integration of principles of ecology, plant and animal sciences, crop protection, and rural landscape planning and management for sustainable agriculture. Includes natural and cultivated ecosystems, population and community ecology, nutrient cycling, pest management, hydrologic cycles, cropping and grazing systems, landscape ecology, biodiversity, and socioeconomic evaluation of systems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

NRES 436 Cenozoic Mammal Evolution

Crosslisted with: GEOL 436, GEOL 836, NRES 836

Prerequisites: Junior or Senior Standing

Description: Survey of mammalian evolution with emphasis on the origin, radiation, and phylogenetic relationships of Cenozoic fossil mammals. Overview of climatic and ecological changes affecting mammalian adaptations and hands on experience with fossil specimens.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

NRES 438 Grassland Conservation: Planning and Management

Crosslisted with: NRES 838

Prerequisites: UG: Junior Standing; Grad: None

Notes: Recommended: introductory ecology and introductory soils courses

Description: Apply fundamental grassland ecology principles to grassland conservation and identify grassland establishment and management practices appropriate for different environmental and cultural situations. Based on field study, critically analyze management options and outcomes for several grasslands and develop a management plan for a grassland resource.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$30

NRES 439 Environmental Laboratory Instrumentation and Methods

Crosslisted with: NRES 839

Prerequisites: CHEM 106A & CHEM 106L or CHEM 110A and CHEM 110L

Description: Exposure to technologies such as spectroscopy, discrete automated colorimetry, chromatography and mass spectrometry used for environmental testing. Hands-on training in calibration, operation and sample analysis, proper use of analytical balance, volumetric glassware and micropipettes, creating and maintaining a laboratory notebook, and development and understanding standard operational procedures. Advanced in-lab training in analytical laboratory techniques and operation of advanced instrumentation used in commercial and research environmental laboratories.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

NRES 440 Great Plains Ecosystem

Crosslisted with: PLAS 440, AGRO 840, NRES 840, RNGE 440, GRAS 440

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

Description: Characteristics of Great Plains ecosystems, interrelationships of ecological factors and processes, and their application in the management of grasslands. Interactions of fire, vegetation, grazing animals and wildlife.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

NRES 441 Zoo Keeping and Management

Description: Examine and build on the knowledge, skills and abilities needed to work in a zoo in various capacities 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 121; LIFE 121L; MATH 107**Description:** Biological systems, from molecules to ecosystems, are analyzed using mathematical techniques. Strengths and weaknesses of mathematical approaches to biological questions. Brief review of college level math; introduction to modeling; oscillating systems in biology; randomness in biology; review of historically important and currently popular models in biology.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**NRES 457 Green Space and Urban Forestry Management****Crosslisted with:** NRES 857, PLAS 457**Prerequisites:** Junior or senior standing, Graduate student or permission**Description:** A focus on the management of trees, parks, and green infrastructure in rural and urban communities. Perspectives from community planning, landscape architecture, urban forestry, natural resources, horticulture, and environmental policy. Development and implementation of green space and forest management plans encompassing societal needs and biological limitations in rural and urban communities.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**ACE:** ACE 10 Integrated Product**NRES 458 Soil Physical Determinations****Crosslisted with:** PLAS 458, AGRO 858, NRES 858, SOIL 458**Prerequisites:** SOIL/PLAS/GEOL/WATS 361; PHYS 141 or equivalent; MATH 102 or 103.**Description:** Survey of measurement techniques and principles used in characterizing the physical properties of soils. Includes analysis of experimental design and sources of experimental error. Techniques include: particle size analysis, soil water content, pore size analysis, field sampling techniques, soil strength, and saturated hydraulic conductivity.**Credit Hours:** 2**Max credits per semester:** 2**Max credits per degree:** 2**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**NRES 459 Limnology****Crosslisted with:** BIOS 459, BIOS 859, NRES 859**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; eutrophication 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/La Nina 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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 470 Lake and Reservoir Restoration

Prerequisites: 12 hrs NRES or related fields.

Description: Theory, processes, and mechanisms underlying lake and reservoir water quality degradation and/or pollution and remediation of eutrophications and its effects. Current techniques used to restore and protect degraded lakes.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 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 surveyed.

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

Grading Option: Graded with Option

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:** Occurrence, 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

Prerequisites: Permission.

Notes: Off-campus travel may be required. Choice of subject matter and coordination of on- and off-campus study is at the discretion of the instructor.

Description: Group educational tours to sites that illustrate the diversity of approaches to natural resources management found around the world.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity

Experiential Learning: Education Abroad

NRES 493 Experiences in Natural Resources

Crosslisted with: NRES 893

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor

Description: Immersive learning experiences in natural resources.

Credit Hours: 0-3

Min credits per semester:

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Experiential Learning: Fieldwork

NRES 495 Grasslands Seminar

Crosslisted with: PLAS 495, ENTO 495, GRAS 495, RNGE 495, SOIL 495

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

Description: Topic varies and deals with different aspects of forage and/or range and/or livestock, turf and/or landscape grasses, natural habitats, and wetlands.

Credit Hours: 1-2

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

NRES 496 Independent Study

Prerequisites: 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

PLAS 100 Plants, Landscapes, & the Environment

Description: Introduction to a diverse range of plant and landscape systems and management strategies for balancing economic and environmental sustainability. Foundational principles of plant biology, landscape ecology, and environmental science explored within the context of these systems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

ACE: ACE 4 Science

PLAS 107 Invasive Plant Species: Impacts on Ecosystems

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 127 Survey of Turfgrass and Landscape Management

Description: Introduction to careers, internships and co-curricular activities in turfgrass and landscape management.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 131 Plant Science

Description: The biology of plants grown for food, feed, fuel, fiber and fun! Starting with natural and managed ecosystems and their interactions, the course then introduces how plants obtain and manage water and nutrients before giving a big picture view of carbon assimilation, metabolism and storage in terms of plant productivity and growth in variable environments. The way plants respond to endogenous and applied growth regulators as well as genetic signals is described, before considering the role of genetics in plant pest interactions and management.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

Prerequisite for: ENTO 308; NRES 220; NRES 302, PLAS 302; NRES 310;

PLAS 132; PLAS 133; PLAS 134; PLAS 204; PLAS 221; PLAS 227;

PLAS 240, RNGE 240, GRAS 240; PLAS 278; PLAS 325; PLAS 353;

PLAS 355; PLPT 210

ACE: ACE 4 Science

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$5

PLAS 132 Agronomic Plant Science Laboratory

Prerequisites: PLAS 131 or parallel

Description: Growth, development, morphology and staging of annual and perennial monocot and dicot plants produced for grain, forage and grazing. Evaluation of seed, grain and forage quality for plants of agronomic importance.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: ENTO 308; PLAS 306; PLAS 307

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$10

PLAS 133 Horticultural Plant Science Laboratory

Prerequisites: PLAS 131 or parallel

Description: Horticulture plant morphology, physiology, cell anatomy and plant growth are explored through application of practices used in industry. Emphasis on intensive production systems appropriate to specialty and greenhouse grown horticultural plants

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

Prerequisite for: PLAS 306; PLAS 307; PLAS 356

PLAS 134 Plant Sciences Laboratory

Prerequisites: Prior or concurrent enrollment in PLAS 131 required.

Notes: Open to all majors and minors, except Agronomy or Horticulture.

Description: An exploration of plant morphology, physiology, and maturation with an emphasis on environmental, biotic, and human interactions within production and landscape systems. Not open to Agronomy or Horticulture majors or minors.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded

Prerequisite for: ENTO 308; PLAS 306; PLAS 307

PLAS 153 Soil Resources

Crosslisted with: SOIL 153

Description: Investigation into the physical, chemical and biological properties of soils, in relation to their appropriate uses, protection, and vital roles or functions in broader plant-soil systems. Apply exercises such as discussion, evidence-based writing, assessment, planning, problem-solving, and presentations in relation to principles and practices involving all aspects of soils.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

Prerequisite for: AGEN 431, PLAS 431, AGST 431; AGST 354, SOIL 354;

LARC 487, NRES 487; NRES 245, PLAS 245; NRES 255, PLAS 255,

SOIL 255; NRES 319; PLAS 204; PLAS 269, SOIL 269; PLAS 327;

PLAS 361, GEOL 361, NRES 361, SOIL 361; PLAS 366, SOIL 366;

PLAS 453, LARC 453, SOIL 453; PLAS 455, AGRO 855, NRES 455,

NRES 855, SOIL 455; PLAS 472, AGRO 872, NRES 472, NRES 872,

SOIL 472

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$15

PLAS 200 Landscape and Environmental Appreciation

Crosslisted with: GEOG 200, LARC 200

Description: Values and processes in human landscapes and natural environments. Concepts and tools to understand the context of local and global environments and significant historical landscapes. Landscape as an indicator of aesthetic quality, design principles and processes as integrators of humans and nature, and the garden as a model for creating sustainable landscapes.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

ACE: ACE 9 Global/Diversity ACE 7 Arts

PLAS 201 Dendrology: Study and Identification of Trees and Shrubs

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 204 Resource-Efficient Crop Management

Prerequisites: PLAS 131 and PLAS/SOIL 153

Description: The integration of crop and soil science, plant breeding, climatology and integrated pest management disciplines to develop and evaluate crop management strategies that make the most efficient use of natural resources such as solar radiation, water, and soil, as well as other external inputs utilized for field crop management.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: AGEN 431, PLAS 431, AGST 431; PLAS 405

PLAS 212 Woody Plants for Landscapes: Identification, Management, and Use

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 213 Cultivars and Varieties of Woody Plants for Landscapes

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 214 Herbaceous Landscape Plants

Crosslisted with: NRES 214

Description: Identification of herbaceous plants with ornamental value in the landscape including native and introduced annuals, perennials, grasses and cultivars. Typical ecological associations, environmental tolerances and/or intolerance, cultural requirements, and design characteristics.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 215 Genetics

Prerequisites: 3 hrs biological sciences.

Description: Discovery of the biology of genes and the application of genetics principles to understand the control and inheritance of traits in families and populations. Focus is on animals and plants that are important in medicine, agriculture and nature. Learning emphasis is problem solving via online, instant feedback assessments, group discussion, experimental data analysis and context-based exams.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Prerequisite for: AGRO 815, PLAS 415; ASCI 330; ASCI 486; PLPT 418, PLPT 818, MBIO 418

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$20

PLAS 216 Plant Breeding Principles and Practice

Prerequisites: High school biology and chemistry.

Notes: BIOS 101 and 101L or equivalent recommended.

Description: Plant breeding theory and technique. Application of genetic principles to plant improvement. Experience with breeding agronomic and horticultural plant species to illustrate plant mating systems and breeding principles.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 221 Plant Propagation**Prerequisites:** PLAS 131**Notes:** Recommend PLAS 278 taken previously or concurrently**Description:** Practice different methods of plant propagation and explore the effects of environmental management on propagation success using the scientific method.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**Prerequisite for:** PLAS 356**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$35**PLAS 227 Introductory Turfgrass Management****Prerequisites:** PLAS 131 or PLAS 278 or either concurrently.**Description:** Introduction to turfgrasses, their management and use, and to the turfgrass industry.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL**Prerequisite for:** PLAS 327**PLAS 229 Introductory Turfgrass Management Laboratory****Description:** Laboratory covering turfgrass identification and management.**Credit Hours:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per degree:** 1**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$40**PLAS 230 Technical Reporting in Plant and Landscape Systems****Notes:** This course is intended for first or second year students.**Description:** Learn introductory data science skills necessary to collect, manage, and analyze data. Gain the necessary skills to interpret and effectively communicate information derived from data.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** FALL/SPR**PLAS 240 Forage Crop and Pasture Management****Crosslisted with:** RNGE 240, GRAS 240**Prerequisites:** PLAS 131 or BIOS 101 or LIFE 120**Description:** Principles basic to the establishment, management, and utilization of forage crops and pastures. Plant identification and selection, seeding, fertilization, irrigation, forage quality and utilization, hay and silage preservation, and grazing management. The role of forages and ranges in developing a sustainable agriculture.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Prerequisite for:** PLAS 340, RNGE 340, GRAS 340; PLAS 445, AGRO 845, ASCI 451, ASCI 851, RNGE 445, GRAS 445**PLAS 242 North American Wildland Plants****Crosslisted with:** RNGE 242, GRAS 242**Prerequisites:** Permission.**Notes:** PLAS/RNGE 240 recommended.**Description:** Identification and description of two-hundred important wildland plants of North America. Characteristics of these plants evaluated in terms of management implications.**Credit Hours:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per degree:** 4**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**PLAS 245 Introduction to Grassland Ecology and Management****Crosslisted with:** NRES 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**PLAS 255 Soil Health and Environment****Crosslisted with:** NRES 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**PLAS 261 Floral Design I****Description:** Principles, interpretation, and emotional responses of floral design. Explored and practical experience in all aspects of flower arranging. Includes floral product identification, care, handling, marketing and critiquing of floral designs.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Prerequisite for:** PLAS 262**ACE:** ACE 7 Arts**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$125

PLAS 262 Floral Design II

Prerequisites: PLAS 261

Description: Advanced styles of floral design, foliage plant care and retail shop layout, as well as practical business knowledge in managing a small business. Topics include personnel, advertising, sales and floral marketing.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$125

PLAS 265 Landscape Design Communication

Description: Introduction to graphic and oral presentation and communication techniques for landscape design, based on design principles and elements. Includes demonstration and discussion of various media and technologies.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: PLAS 267

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$10

PLAS 267 Introduction to Landscape Design Studio

Prerequisites: PLAS 265 or concurrent enrollment in PLAS 265

Notes: Individual and team projects, in-class exercises and presentations, and site visits to urban landscapes will be a part of the course experience.

Description: Process and elements used to design sustainable residential and small urban landscapes.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: PLAS 300; PLAS 301

Groups: Techniques

PLAS 269 Principles of Soil Management

Crosslisted with: SOIL 269

Prerequisites: PLAS 153

Description: Current state-of-knowledge of soil and water management; impacts of water and wind erosion on soil productivity, and nutrient dynamics; soil management in response to the increased climate variability; improved management practices such as conservation tillage (i.e., no-till), cropping systems, cover crops, crop residue management, perennial systems, water management and irrigation; nutrient cycling; and soil quality and health.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

Prerequisite for: PLAS 405

PLAS 270 Biological Invaders

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 275 Agribusiness Entrepreneurial Finance

Crosslisted with: AECN 275, EAEP 275, ENTR 275

Description: Overview of financial issues for agribusiness start-ups. Business funding specific to new enterprises. Case studies on financial practices for start-up firms.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 278 Botany

Prerequisites: BIOS 101 or LIFE 120 or PLAS 131

Description: Introduction to the plant kingdom and to plants as biological organisms; structure and function of cells, tissues, and organs with emphasis on seed plants; the important processes and concepts of life cycles, evolution, and physiology.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: PLAS 227

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$40

PLAS 279 Soil Evaluation

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 291 Special Topics in Plant and Landscape Systems

Prerequisites: Permission.

Notes: Requires advanced permission before registering for the course.

Description: Topics vary.

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

PLAS 295 Internship**Crosslisted with:** RNGE 295, SOIL 295**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing and completion of an internship contract. The internship contract is subject to approval by the department. Internships completed without a signed contract may not qualify for credit.**Notes:** Pass/No Pass only; requires advanced permission before registering for the course.**Description:** Professional experience in a plant, landscape or soil interest area. Experience may be with a business, government agency, organization, or a university research, extension, or teaching program.**Credit Hours:** 1-3**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 6**Grading Option:** Pass No Pass**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Experiential Learning:** Internship/Co-op**PLAS 300 Introduction to Landscape Construction****Prerequisites:** PLAS 267 or concurrent**Description:** Materials, systems, and methods for constructing sustainable residential and small urban landscapes. Includes site grading, hardscapes, irrigation, lighting, ponds and water features, using a combination of guest speakers, site visits and online resources.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$15**PLAS 301 Introduction to Landscape Contracting****Prerequisites:** PLAS 267 and PLAS 388 or concurrent**Notes:** Offered Spring of even years and alternate with PLAS 300.**Description:** Overview of the landscape contracting business and administration of contracts, cost estimation and bidding.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** SPRING**Groups:** Techniques**PLAS 302 Tree Biology****Crosslisted with:** NRES 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**PLAS 306 Greenhouse Practices and Management****Prerequisites:** PLAS 132 or PLAS 133 or PLAS 134 or LIFE 120**Description:** Principles and practices involved in the development, operation and use of greenhouses and other protected plant growth environments.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**PLAS 307 Hydroponics for Growing Populations****Prerequisites:** PLAS 132 or PLAS 133 or PLAS 134 or LIFE 120**Description:** Globally diverse peoples are explored through culture, diets, food production systems, and environment with emphasis on the application of hydroponic plant production systems to address food needs that are culturally conscious. Hydroponic methodologies are investigated and prototypes are designed, built, and tested for proof of concept.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** FALL/SPR**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity**PLAS 319 Edible Landscapes****Prerequisites:** Junior Standing or permission**Description:** Identification, environmental requirements, and sustainable care and management of herbaceous perennial and woody plants with both edible and aesthetic landscape value. Historical and human cultural ties or ethnobotanical traditions associated with the plants will be utilized for appropriate plant selection and use.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**ACE:** ACE 9 Global/Diversity**PLAS 321 Arboriculture: Maintenance & Selection of Landscape Trees****Crosslisted with:** NRES 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

PLAS 325 Introductory Plant Physiology

Prerequisites: PLAS 131 or LIFE 120

Description: Introduction to physiological and developmental processes in plants. Topics include plant-water relations, photosynthesis, carbon metabolism and source-sink translocation, light responses, hormonal regulation during growth, development and environmental stresses such as drought, heat, salinity, flooding stress among others. Emphasizes the development of a broader knowledge of how crops respond to abiotic factors associated with changing climate through conceptual integration of physiological and molecular processes. Science communication skills and teamwork experience are developed through oral presentations and poster sessions.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: PLAS 441, AGRO 841, HORT 841, RNGE 441, GRAS 441

PLAS 326 Landscape Management Solutions

Notes: The course will include site visits, guest speakers and collaborations.

Description: Use a problem-solving approach to identify and analyze landscape management situations in commercial, public, and residential landscapes. Focus will be on environmental assessment, human intent and function, seasonal and materials-specific best management practices applied to plants, hardscapes, pests and diseases to produce recommendations.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

PLAS 327 Turfgrass Science and Management

Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; CHEM 105A and 105L or CHEM 109A and 109L; and PLAS 227

Description: Scientific principles of turf species adaptation, turf and/or soil relationships, establishment, fertility, mowing, irrigation, and pest control of turf species.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 330 Pruning Ornamentals

Description: Why, when and how to prune ornamental landscape plants. Demonstrations and field opportunities on how to choose and how to use pruning tools correctly.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 340 Range Management and Improvement

Crosslisted with: RNGE 340, GRAS 340

Prerequisites: PLAS 240 or NRES 245

Description: The principles of range management within the ecosystem framework. Range improvement practices and grazing systems; plant control using biological, chemical and mechanical factors; prescribed burning; range seeding; range fertilization; and the integration of range with other forage resources.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Prerequisite for: PLAS 445, AGRO 845, ASCI 451, ASCI 851, RNGE 445, GRAS 445

PLAS 353 Vegetable Crop Production Laboratory

Prerequisites: PLAS 131

Notes: PLAS 133, PLAS 221, and PLAS 352 recommended.

Description: Vegetable crop production principles and practices, both locally and from a global perspective. Experience with seeding, transplant production, and growing of vegetables in field and greenhouse.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$40

PLAS 355 Perennial, Pot and Bedding Plant Production Laboratory

Prerequisites: PLAS 131

Notes: PLAS 133, PLAS 221, and PLAS 352 recommended.

Description: Growing conditions of specific perennial, annual, pot plants, cut flowers. How to schedule and cost account plant production. Care of post-production plants. Experience propagating and growing perennial, pot and bedding plants and cut flowers in the greenhouse.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$30

PLAS 356 Seasonal Plant Production

Prerequisites: PLAS 133, 221

Description: Methodology of plant production for seasonal ornamental and vegetable plants to meet the needs of the consumer horticulture industry. Supply procurement, product selection, asexual & seed propagation, young plant liners, plant culture & manipulation to meet qualities and market demand are explored. Crops are grown and marketed.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 361 Soils, Environment and Water Quality**Crosslisted with:** GEOL 361, NRES 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**PLAS 366 Soil Nutrient Relationships****Crosslisted with:** SOIL 366**Prerequisites:** PLAS 153**Description:** Explores nutrient behaviors in soil and factors affecting nutrient management. Students work on developing fertilizer plans for complex plant production systems that follow the right place, right amount, right source, right time philosophy and ensure production of healthy and nutritious plants, improve profits and enterprise sustainability, fulfill legal requirements, and protect soil and water quality.**Credit Hours:** 4**Max credits per semester:** 4**Max credits per degree:** 4**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** SPRING**Prerequisite for:** PLAS 405**PLAS 375 Innovations for Agriculture****Crosslisted with:** AGRI 375, EAEP 375**Prerequisites:** Junior or Senior class standing.**Description:** Explore sustainability challenges in plant and animal agricultural systems, assess current solutions, and identify opportunities for innovation. Research, develop, prototype, test, and pitch an innovative product, service, or technology for agriculture.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** FALL**PLAS 379 Advanced Soil Evaluation****Crosslisted with:** NRES 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**PLAS 388 Business Systems in Entrepreneurship****Crosslisted with:** ENTR 388, EAEP 388, ABUS 388**Description:** Introductory models for a startup business. Ideation, customer segments, value proposition, minimal viable product and market fit.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**Prerequisite for:** PLAS 301**PLAS 391A Special Topics in Agronomy****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Notes:** Requires advanced permission before registering for the course.**Description:** Topics vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 12**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**PLAS 391B Special Topics in Horticulture****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Notes:** Requires advanced permission before registering for the course.**Description:** Topics vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 12**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**PLAS 391L Special Topics in Landscape Design and Management****Prerequisites:** Permission.**Notes:** Requires advanced permission before registering for the course**Description:** Topics vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 12**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR**PLAS 391T Special Topics in Turfgrass Science and Management****Prerequisites:** Permission**Notes:** Requires advanced permission before registering for the course**Description:** Topics vary.**Credit Hours:** 1-6**Min credits per semester:** 1**Max credits per semester:** 6**Max credits per degree:** 12**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**Offered:** FALL/SPR

PLAS 395A Internship in Agronomy

Prerequisites: Junior standing or higher. Permission.

Notes: A contract with the instructor is required before the start of the internship for course credit. Two or more courses in Agronomy above the 200 level are strongly recommended.

Description: Advanced internship in an agronomic enterprise. Must be a business, government agency, organization, or university research, teaching, or extension program in which the student does not have previous internship credit.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Offered: FALL/SPR

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

PLAS 395B Internship in Horticulture

Prerequisites: Junior standing or higher. Permission.

Notes: A contract with the instructor is required before the start of the internship for course credit. Two or more courses in Horticulture above the 200 level are strongly recommended.

Description: Advanced internship experience in a horticulture enterprise. Must be a business, government agency, organization or university research, teaching, or extension program in which the student does not have previous internship credit.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Offered: FALL/SPR

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

PLAS 395M Internship in Landscape Design and Management

Prerequisites: Junior standing or higher. Permission.

Notes: A contract with the instructor is required before the start of the internship for course credit. Two or more courses in Landscape Design and Management above the 200 level are strongly recommended.

Description: Advanced professional experience in a landscape design and/or management enterprise. Experience must be with a business, government agency, organization, or a university research, extension, or teaching program in which the student does not have previous internship credit.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Offered: FALL/SPR

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

PLAS 395T Internship in Turfgrass Science and Management

Prerequisites: Junior standing or higher. Permission.

Notes: Pass/No Pass only; requires advanced permission before registering for the course.

Description: Advanced internship in a turfgrass science and management enterprise. Must be a business, government agency, organization, university research, teaching, or extension program in which the student does not have previous internship credit.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 6

Grading Option: Pass No Pass

Offered: FALL/SPR

Experiential Learning: Internship/Co-op

PLAS 398R Research Experiences in Grasslands

Crosslisted with: GRAS 398R, NRES 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

PLAS 399 Independent Study

Prerequisites: Junior standing; 12 hrs plant science; and permission.

Notes: Requires advance approval of plan of work and is to be under the supervision and evaluation of a Horticulture departmental faculty member. Oral and written reports are mandatory at the completion of this Independent Study.

Description: Individual or group projects in research, literature review, or extension of course work.

Credit Hours: 1-5

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 5

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 403 Scientific Writing and Communication

Crosslisted with: AGRO 803, HORT 803

Prerequisites: Senior standing or higher, an ACE 1 written communication course, an ACE 2 oral communication course, and permission of instructor.

Description: Reading and critiquing, writing, and presenting scientific information. Use research data to compose a manuscript in standard scientific format, and prepare and present a poster to a general audience. Ethical issues in research and writing.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

PLAS 405 Crop Management Strategies

Prerequisites: Senior standing; PLAS 204, PLAS/SOIL 269 or PLAS/SOIL 366; and permission.

Notes: JGEN 200 and/or JGEN 300, and AECN 201 recommended; a pre-semester trip is required.

Description: Application, expansion, and integration of principles from agricultural, economic and social sciences into systems-level the development and management of cropping systems.

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: \$60

PLAS 406 Plant Ecophysiology: Theory and Practice

Crosslisted with: AGRO 806, HORT 806, NRES 406, NRES 806

Prerequisites: Junior standing; 4 hrs ecology; and 4 hrs botany or plant physiology.

Description: Principles of plant physiology which underlie the relationship between plants and their physical, chemical and biotic environments. An introduction to the ecological niche, limiting factors and adaptation. An overview of the seed germination and ecology, plant and soil water relations, nutrients, plant energy budgets, photosynthesis, carbon balance and plant-animal interactions. An introduction to various field equipment used in ecophysiological studies.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 407 Bio-Atmospheric Instrumentation

Crosslisted with: GEOG 469, METR 469, AGST 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

PLAS 408 Microclimate: The Biological Environment

Crosslisted with: GEOG 408, METR 408, NRES 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

PLAS 409A Case studies in plant breeding: Breeding for Disease Resistance

Crosslisted with: AGRO 809A, HORT 809A

Notes: A previous class in genetics is highly recommended.

Description: The application of fundamental genetics principles in inheritance, gene mapping and DNA analysis to decision making by plant breeders with the goal of improving disease resistance in crop cultivars. Learning is structured by the genetics discovery story told in published research articles and the thinking process of plant breeders who will use these discoveries in their work.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

PLAS 409B Case Studies in plant breeding: Transgenic strategies for disease resistance

Crosslisted with: AGRO 809B, HORT 809B

Description: The application of basic science and technology by plant genetic engineering experts with the goal of teaming with plant breeders to improve disease resistance in crop cultivars. Learning is structured by the genetics discovery story told in published research articles and the thinking process of genetic engineers and plant breeders who will use these discoveries in their work.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

PLAS 411 Crop Genetic Engineering

Crosslisted with: AGRO 811

Notes: A previous class in genetics is highly recommended.

Description: Basic steps required to produce genetically engineered crops, genetic engineering procedures used to develop current crops and innovations that will lead to future products, genetic engineering process and predicting how changes in different steps of the process influence the final crop, and application of genetic engineering technology to plan the development of new genetically engineered crops.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

PLAS 412 Crop and Weed Genetics

Crosslisted with: AGRO 812

Notes: A previous class in Genetics is highly recommended.

Description: Application of classical and molecular genetic principles to the explanation of variation observed in plant families and populations. Interpretation of information gathered from whole plant trait observation and from molecular analysis. Relationships between crops and weeds. Examples from genetic studies on both crop and weed species are the basis of course.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 414 Turfgrass Disease Management

Crosslisted with: AGRO 814, HORT 814, PLPT 414, PLPT 814, TLMT 814

Prerequisites: BIOS/PLPT 369 or one semester of introductory plant pathology.

Description: Pathogens, epidemiology, and control of diseases specific to turfgrass.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 415 Applied Plant Breeding and Genetics

Crosslisted with: AGRO 815

Prerequisites: PLAS 215 or BIOS 206

Notes: For AGRO 815, a previous genetics course is highly recommended.

Description: The goals for plant improvement, the theories plant breeders apply to make genetic improvement and the tools and methods that can be used to develop a plant breeding pipeline.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$40

PLAS 418 Agroforestry Systems in Sustainable Agriculture

Crosslisted with: HORT 818, NRES 417, 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

PLAS 419 Applications of Remote Sensing in Agriculture and Natural Resources

Crosslisted with: GEOG 419, GEOL 419, NRES 420, 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

PLAS 420 Bioinformatics Applications in Agriculture

Crosslisted with: AGRO 820

Prerequisites: PLAS 215 or equivalent. Undergraduate students must be at the senior class level standing.

Description: Introduction to applied computational methods to analyze biological data, efficiently manipulate large data sets, and automate workflows. Learn strategies for assembling and analyzing data generated by modern high throughput sequencing platforms.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

PLAS 425 Cover Crops in Agroecosystems

Crosslisted with: AGRO 825

Prerequisites: PLAS 131 or PLAS 278 ; PLAS/SOIL 153 (or equivalent)

Description: Explore the management, environmental, economic, and social considerations of cover crops across a diversity of agricultural production systems and regions. Grow cover crops, measure benefits and tradeoffs, and apply knowledge to make management and policy recommendations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL

PLAS 426 Invasive Plants

Crosslisted with: AGRO 826, HORT 826, NRES 426, NRES 826

Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153; PLAS 131

Description: Identification, biology and ecology of weedy and invasive plants. Principles of invasive plant management by preventative, cultural, biological, mechanical and chemical means using an adaptive management framework. Herbicide terminology and classification, plant-herbicide and soil-herbicide interactions, equipment calibration and dosage calculations.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 427 Turfgrass Systems Management**Crosslisted with:** AGRO 827, HORT 827, TLMT 827**Prerequisites:** PLAS 227 and PLAS 327**Description:** Critical evaluation of turfgrass settings to create economical and environmentally friendly management systems for professionally managed turf areas.**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:** \$50**PLAS 429 Plant Biotechnology Applications****Crosslisted with:** AGRO 829**Prerequisites:** Faculty Permission**Description:** Application of plant biotechnology to answer biological questions. Development of writing and thinking skills with a working knowledge of plant biology and biotechnology. Learning in a lab focused setting to solidify skills used in molecular biology, biochemistry, cell biology, and computational biology.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded**Offered:** SPRING**Course and Laboratory Fee:** \$40**PLAS 429A Food Security: A Global Perspective****Crosslisted with:** AGRO 829A, HORT 829A, NRES 429A, 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**PLAS 430 Introduction to Plant Diagnostics****Crosslisted with:** AGRO 830, HORT 830, PLPT 830**Prerequisites:** PLAS 131 or LIFE 121 and ENTO 105 or ENTO 115 and PLPT 210**Description:** Presents a broad view of the various challenges to plant health including abiotic and biotic disease, insects, and weeds. Learn a systematic approach to the diagnosis of plant disorders through hands-on exercises and case studies with application to agronomic and specialty crops and gain experience in presenting their findings to various audiences.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**PLAS 431 Site-specific Crop Management****Crosslisted with:** AGEN 431, AGST 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**PLAS 433 Permaculture: Sustainable Living****Crosslisted with:** HORT 833**Notes:** This is a Great Plains IDEA course. Restricted to upper level undergraduate, graduate, or matriculated continuing education students.**Description:** Permaculture means "permanent culture," and "...is the conscious design and maintenance of cultivated ecosystems that have the diversity, stability, and resilience of a natural ecosystem." [Bill Mollison] This course will explore a design/thinking methodology that seeks to provide our essential physical needs, food, water, shelter, energy, etc., while doing so in an environmentally friendly, sustainable manner.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**PLAS 434 Plant Biochemistry****Crosslisted with:** BIOC 434, BIOS 434, CHEM 434, AGRO 834, BIOC 834, BIOS 834, CHEM 834**Prerequisites:** BIOC/BIOS/CHEM 431/831.**Description:** Biochemical metabolism unique to plants. Relationships of topics previously acquired in general biochemistry to biochemical processes unique to plants. Biochemical mechanisms behind physiological processes discussed in plant or crop physiology.**Credit Hours:** 3**Max credits per semester:** 3**Max credits per degree:** 3**Grading Option:** Graded with Option**PLAS 435 Agroecology****Crosslisted with:** AGRO 835, NRES 435, 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

PLAS 436 Agroecosystems Analysis

Crosslisted with: AGRO 836, HORT 836

Prerequisites: Senior standing.

Notes: Cost of travel required. Summer travel course with multi-state faculty. Farm visits to Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Description: Analysis of production, economics, environmental impacts, and social integration aspects of farms and farming systems

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 437 Animal, Food and Industrial Uses of Grain

Crosslisted with: AGRO 837

Prerequisites: CHEM 105A and CHEM 105L or CHEM 109A and 109L, and one of the following: PLAS 204 or ASCI 250.

Description: Identification and comparison of grain quality characteristics desired by livestock feeders, human food processors and industrial users, and methods used to measure these characteristics.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 438 Producing Grain for Animal, Food and Industrial Uses

Crosslisted with: AGRO 838

Prerequisites: CHEM 109A and 109L and one of the following: PLAS 204 or ASCI 250.

Notes: PLAS 215 and PLAS 437/837 recommended.

Description: Genetic development, production practices, and grain handling and storage procedures to deliver quality grain to livestock feeders, human food processors and industrial uses.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 439 Organic Farming and Food Systems

Crosslisted with: AGRO 839, HORT 839

Prerequisites: 12 credits of agricultural or biological science, economics, or natural resources

Description: History of organic farming and horticultural systems, organic certification, nutrient and pest management in organic systems, planning organic enterprises including production and marketing, resilience of organic systems in ecological, economic, and social terms; future issues and potentials of organic food systems.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 440 Great Plains Ecosystem

Crosslisted with: AGRO 840, NRES 840, RNGE 440, NRES 440, GRAS 440

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

Description: Characteristics of Great Plains ecosystems, interrelationships of ecological factors and processes, and their application in the management of grasslands. Interactions of fire, vegetation, grazing animals and wildlife.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 441 Perennial Plant Function, Growth, and Development

Crosslisted with: AGRO 841, HORT 841, RNGE 441, GRAS 441

Prerequisites: PLAS 325 or equivalent.

Description: Principles of crop physiology and developmental morphology in relation to function, growth, development, and survival of perennial forage, range, and turf plants. The relationship of physiology and morphological development on plant use and management.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 442 Wildland Plants

Crosslisted with: AGRO 842, NRES 842, RNGE 442, NRES 442, GRAS 442

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

Notes: PLAS 131 or LIFE 121 and 121L or equivalent recommended

Description: Wildland plants that are important to grassland and shrubland ecosystem management and production. Distribution, utilization, classification, identification (including identification by vegetative parts), uses by Native Americans, and recognition of grasses, forbs, shrubs, exotic and wetland plants.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

PLAS 444 Ecosystem Monitoring and Assessment

Crosslisted with: AGRO 844, NRES 844, RNGE 444, NRES 444, GRAS 444

Prerequisites: Junior standing.

Notes: NRES 220 or equivalent, recommended.

Description: Measurement and monitoring of the important vegetation and environmental factors used to develop management guidelines in grasslands, savannas, woodlands, and wetlands. Emphasis on using ecosystem monitoring protocols for assessment of wildlife habitat, fuels management for wild-land fire, livestock production, and watershed function. Requires field sampling and travel to local field sites.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

PLAS 445 Livestock Management on Range and Pasture

Crosslisted with: AGRO 845, ASCI 451, ASCI 851, RNGE 445, GRAS 445

Prerequisites: ASCI 250 and PLAS 240 or PLAS 340

Notes: AECN 201 recommended. Capstone course. All students required to participate in a one-week field trip in central or western Nebraska prior to beginning of fall semester. Therefore, students must notify instructor at time of early registration (Dates are given in class schedule.)

Description: Analyzing the plant and animal resources and economic aspects of pasturage. Management of pasture and range for continued high production emphasized.

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: \$300

PLAS 450 Climate and Society

Crosslisted with: GEOG 450, METR 450, NRES 452, 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

PLAS 452 Irrigation Systems Management

Crosslisted with: AGST 452, AGST 852

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

PLAS 453 Urban Soil Properties and Management

Crosslisted with: LARC 453, SOIL 453

Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153

Description: Characteristics of soils in urban settings. Evaluation of soils intended for intensive human uses and strategies for their use. Identification of specific issues related to urban soils. Manipulation or remediation of soils subject to construction and other stresses.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 454 Specialty Crop Innovations

Crosslisted with: AGRO 854, HORT 854

Prerequisites: Junior standing; PLAS 100, 131, 153

Description: Learn state-of-the-art, scale-appropriate methods for growing and marketing specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, and cut flowers in field and high-tunnel production systems. Test innovative products and systems of your own design to gain a competitive advantage in local markets.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 455 Soil Chemistry and Mineralogy

Crosslisted with: AGRO 855, NRES 455, 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

PLAS 457 Green Space and Urban Forestry Management

Crosslisted with: NRES 457, NRES 857

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

PLAS 458 Soil Physical Determinations

Crosslisted with: AGRO 858, NRES 458, 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

PLAS 460 Soil Microbial Ecology

Crosslisted with: BIOS 460, NRES 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

PLAS 461 Soil Physics

Crosslisted with: NRES 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

PLAS 462 Cannabis Growth, Production and Breeding Basics

Crosslisted with: AGRO 862, HORT 862

Prerequisites: PLAS 131 or LIFE 121; PLAS 215 or BIOS 206

Notes: PLAS 221 recommended

Description: History, breeding and production of cannabis for medicinal marijuana and hemp for fiber use when grown using a growth room, greenhouse, high tunnel and/or field. Clarification between scientific evidence and casual information.

Credit Hours: 2

Max credits per semester: 2

Max credits per degree: 2

Grading Option: Graded

Offered: FALL/SPR

PLAS 467 Planting Design

Crosslisted with: ARCH 467, ARCH 567, ARCH 867, LARC 467

Description: Processes, principles, and elements using plant materials as a key component of landscapes designed for human intent. Focus is on a systems approach, combining environmental attributes with functional needs to create aesthetic, functional, and sustainable landscapes for parks, commercial property, and residences using a combination of site visits and online resources.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$25

PLAS 469 Ecological Landscape Design

Crosslisted with: ARCH 469

Prerequisites: Permission

Description: Integration of ecological and environmental assessment, design process and management considerations to create detailed landscape plans for public, private, and commercial clients. Includes dream landscape project. Individuals and collaborative teams will develop concepts and details, conduct client meetings and studio critiques, and communicate graphically and verbally through presentations.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$25

PLAS 470 Critical Thinking in Landscape Management

Prerequisites: PLAS 228

Description: Use processes and strategies to develop complete landscape management plans for public and/or private clients. Use data to evaluate and compare issues; make practical, science-based recommendations; and prepare cost estimates. Develop and present a complete landscape management plan for a public client.

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

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$25

PLAS 471 Vines, Wines and You

Crosslisted with: HORT 871, NUTR 471, NUTR 871, HRTM 471, HRTM 871

Prerequisites: 6 hrs science or equivalent experience; 21 years of age or older

Notes: Proof of age is required.

Description: Origin, botany, historical and cultural significance of the grapevine and related species. Principles and practices of vineyard establishment, management and processing of grape products, importance and/or scope of grape and wine industry; global and local significance. Culinary applications, health, environmental and safety-related issues, business and industry relations and experience.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$95

PLAS 472 Applied Soil Physics

Crosslisted with: AGRO 872, NRES 472, 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

PLAS 475 Water Quality Strategy

Crosslisted with: NRES 475, NRES 875, SOIL 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

PLAS 477 Great Plains Field Pedology

Crosslisted with: GEOG 467, NRES 477, SOIL 477, GEOG 867, NRES 877

Prerequisites: PLAS/SOIL 153.

Description: Spatial relationship of soil properties on various parts of landscape typical of the Plains, causal factors, and predictions of such relationships on other landscapes. Grouping these properties into classes, naming the classes, and the taxonomy that results from this grouping. Application of a taxonomy to a real situation through making a field soil survey in a region representative of the Plains border, predicting land use response of various mapped units as it affects the ecosystem, and evaluating the effectiveness of the taxonomic system used in the region surveyed.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$80

PLAS 478 Plant Anatomy

Crosslisted with: BIOS 478, BIOS 878, AGRO 878, HORT 878

Prerequisites: 8 hrs biological sciences

Description: Development, structure, and function of tissues and organs of the higher plants. Relationships of structure to physiology and ecology of plants.

Credit Hours: 4

Max credits per semester: 4

Max credits per degree: 4

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 480 Modified Root Zones

Crosslisted with: TLMT 880, AGRO 880, HORT 880

Prerequisites: PLAS 153/SOIL 153

Notes: Recommend CHEM 105A/CHEM 105L or CHEM 109A/CHEM 109L, PLAS 131, PLAS 227, and PLAS 453 or PLAS 472

Description: Modified root zones and their applications in the turfgrass and landscape management industry. Correct applications and construction techniques.

Credit Hours: 1

Max credits per semester: 1

Max credits per degree: 1

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: SPRING

PLAS 484 Water Resources Seminar

Crosslisted with: GEOG 484, GEOL 484, NRES 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

PLAS 488 Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development

Crosslisted with: HORT 888, EAEP 488, ENTR 488, EAEP 888, AGRO 888, ENTR 888, ABUS 488

Description: The process of starting your own enterprise. Competitive environment, risk management, finance for business startups, funding, and business plan writing.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Offered: FALL/SPR

ACE: ACE 10 Integrated Product

PLAS 489 Urbanization of Rural Landscapes

Crosslisted with: AGRO 889, CRPL 489, HORT 889, CRPL 889

Prerequisites: Senior standing or graduate standing.

Description: Development converts rural landscapes into housing, roads, malls, parks, and commercial uses. This process fragments landscapes and changes ecosystem functions, drives up land prices, and pushes agriculture into more marginal areas. This multi-disciplinary, experiential course guides students in learning about the urbanization process, the impacts on landscapes, people, and the community, and the choices that are available to informed citizens.

Credit Hours: 3

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 495 Grasslands Seminar

Crosslisted with: ENTO 495, GRAS 495, NRES 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

PLAS 496 Independent Study

Crosslisted with: AGRO 896, RNGE 496, SOIL 496

Credit Hours: 1-6

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 6

Max credits per degree: 12

Grading Option: Graded with Option

Course and Laboratory Fee: \$50



PLAS 498 Senior Project

Crosslisted with: SOIL 498

Prerequisites: Senior standing.

Notes: A two-semester sequence. Students should select one credit hour the first semester and three credits the second semester. The first semester will be used for planning, topic selection, and identifying a project adviser. The second semester will be used to carry out the research project, prepare a written report, and possibly an oral presentation.

Description: Carry out and report on a research project.

Credit Hours: 1-3

Min credits per semester: 1

Max credits per semester: 3

Max credits per degree: 3

Grading Option: Graded with Option

PLAS 499H Honors Thesis

Crosslisted with: RNGE 499H, SOIL 499H

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