

AGRICULTURE GRADUTE COURSES

AGR 602 Advanced Nutrition (3). A study of physical and chemical properties of feeds. Digestion, absorption and metabolism of nutrients and factors affecting these functions are emphasized. The nutrient requirements of farm animals and effects of nutrient deficiencies are also studied. (Fall)

AGR 603 Genetics and Animal Breeding (3). Study of hereditary traits in livestock, breeding designs, progeny testing and herd analysis. (Spring)

AGR 604 Diseases of Livestock (3). Distribution, general nature, methods of dissemination, sanitation, prevention and eradication of common infectious and parasitic diseases of domestic animals; hygiene and preventive medicine, with emphasis on the transmissible diseases. (Fall)

AGR 606 Reproductive Physiology (3). A study of the reproductive processes in mammals with primary emphasis on domestic farm animals. Will include the anatomy, endocrinology, behavior and general physiology of the reproductive processes. Artificial insemination, estrous control, ova transplants and other practical production practices will be covered. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, two hours. (Fall)

AGR 610 Animal Anatomy and Physiology (3). Deals with the anatomy of body systems, how these systems interrelate, and the physiology of body organs. Species covered include porcine, bovine, equine, canine and feline. Prerequisite: AGR 310. (Spring)

AGR 611 Animal Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory (2). Deals with the anatomy of body systems, how these systems interrelate, and the physiology of body organs. Species covered include porcine, bovine, equine, canine and feline. Two hour laboratories twice per week. Prerequisite: AGR 310. (Spring)

AGR 612 Beef Cattle Management Systems (3). A study of beef production, forage management and marketing systems. Lecture, one hour; laboratory, four hours. Prerequisites: AGR 100 and 311. (Fall)

AGR 614 Equestrian Instructional Methods (3). Designed for students interested in teaching techniques of teaching horsemanship. Course includes preparation and application of lesson plans. Prerequisite: approval of instructor. (Fall)

AGR 615 Equine Exercise Physiology (3). Course focuses on the study of conditioning the equine athlete using the basic principles of exercise physiology, energetics, kinetics, and sports medicine. Emphasis will be placed on equine anatomical and physiological adaptations to exercise, assessment of physical fitness and conditioning in horses, nutrition and feeding requirements of working animals, moral and ethical considerations related to equine performance, evaluation of common ailments, and current therapies used in equine sports medicine. Prerequisite: AGR 303 or permission of instructor.

AGR 619 Equine Nutrition and Feeding (3). Course focuses on the study of anatomy and physiology of the gastrointestinal system and its role in digestion and utilization of feeds with particular emphasis on the horse. Students will develop rations to feed various classes of horses and address the relationship of nutrition and health. Prerequisite: AGR 303 or permission of instructor.

AGR 623 Artificial Insemination Techniques for Cattle (3). Designed to train students to become competent A.I. technicians. Topics discussed will include reproductive processes, health, nutrition, facilities and management of breeding herd. Techniques concerning semen handling, heat synchronization and heat detection will be taught. Laboratories will be designed to give students actual experience in inseminating cattle. Prerequisites: AGR 100 and AGR 311 or permission of instructor. (Summer, with sufficient demand)

AGR 629 International Trade and Agriculture (3). Changing role of U.S. agriculture in a dynamic world economy; national and international policies and institutions affecting agriculture; exchange rates, tariffs, and non-tariff barriers. Prerequisite: AGR 130 or equivalent.

AGR 630 Advanced Agricultural Prices (3). Methods of price analysis and forecasting. Index numbers, time series data commodity flows and statistical techniques as applied to price analysis. Special emphasis will be placed upon the use of commodity futures markets in estimating cash prices and in protecting producers from cash price fluctuations. (Fall, even years)

AGR 631 Agricultural Finance (3). A study of the needs and problems of financing farm and farm service businesses, including a study of credit institutions serving American agriculture. (Fall)

AGR 632 Farm and Land Appraisal (3). A study of the methods and procedures of land and farm property valuation with attention to appraisal programs of the credit and farm service institutions. Prerequisite: AGR 130. (Fall)

AGR 633 Production Economics for Agriculture (3). The techniques and principles of production theory as applied to the organization and allocation of resources in agricultural production. (Spring)

AGR 634 Types and Systems of Farming and Agribusiness (3). Includes a general statistical analysis of U.S. agriculture with attention to major agricultural regions of the nation and types of farming areas of Kentucky. Special emphasis is given to the organization of West Kentucky and regional farms and agribusinesses. Field trips, interviews and financial analysis of successful firms. (Summer, with sufficient demand)

AGR 636 Seminar in International Agriculture Systems (3). A course designed to enhance student's understanding of international agriculture systems and how they relate to the overall impact on world food processing and production. An emphasis is placed on systems which have the potential to impact and add-value to American agriculture, as well as those which hold key relationships to U.S. based agricultural trade and food development.

AGR 637 Seminar in Agricultural Business Systems (2). Course designed to enhance student's understanding of, and experience in, agricultural business systems. Emphasis will be placed on strategies of managing a successful agribusiness operation and/or farmer-owned cooperatives. Prerequisite: AGR 130.

AGR 638 Seminar in Production Agricultural Systems (2). Designed to enhance student's understanding of, and experience in, production agriculture systems and how they relate to a successful farming operation. An emphasis is placed on systems, which have the potential to impact and add-value to the local, regional and national agriculture economy, through classroom as well as laboratory experiences.

AGR 640 veterinary Surgery and Anesthesia (3). Clinical principles, practices and procedures involved in the field of veterinary medicine. For animal health technology students. Prerequisites: AGR 310, 322, 324, and 332. . (Fall and Spring)

AGR 641 Crop Physiology (3). Basic principles of crop physiology; the effect of environment and management practice on physiological processes, growth and development of crops. (Spring, odd years)

AGR 642 Plant Breeding I (3). Basic principles and methods used in the improvement of important agronomic and horticultural crops. (Fall, even years)

AGR 646 Integrated Pest Management (3). Principles of plant pest control as related to developmental stages of crop plants. Evaluation of pest problems, alternative control methods and effects on the ecosystem. Emphasis on economic control of insect and disease vectors that affect agricultural crops. (Spring, even years)

AGR 647 Crop Management (3). Study of the distribution, economic importance and management of forage, grain crops and tobacco. (Fall)

AGR 649 Weeds and Their Control (3). A study of the introduction, methods of dissemination, reproduction and control of weeds by the most reliable methods and techniques. Prerequisite: AGR 160 or 240. (Fall)

AGR 650 Applied Pharmacology (3). Advanced clinical principles, practices and procedures in the field of veterinary medicine. Prerequisites: AGR 310, 332, and five hours of chemistry. (Fall and Spring)

AGR 651 Selected Studies in Agriculture (1-3). An intensive study of an agriculture topic that will vary from semester to semester. May be repeated to a maximum of six hours. (With sufficient demand.)

AGR 652 Agricultural Policy (3). The history, principles, setting objectives and means of policy as applied to agriculture in our society. Prerequisite: AGR 336. (Spring)

AGR 655 Advanced Soil Fertility (3). The chemistry of the essential elements in soils and the use and the manufacturing processes of various fertilizer materials are considered. Prerequisite: AGR 250. (Spring)

AGR 660 Advanced veterinary Surgery & Anesthesia (3). Clinical principles, practices, and procedures involved in Veterinary Surgery and Anesthesia. There are two three hour labs per week. Because of the intensity and types of laboratories offered, there will be additional time required outside of the scheduled class time, for preparation, development of skills, and complete recovery of patients. Outside time will vary depending on particular laboratory.

AGR 661 Sustainable Agriculture (3). Course provides an overview of natural resource sustainability in agriculture. It is designed to view the sustainability of food production at farms, community, regional, national and global levels. The topics will cover a variety of biological, ecological, social, cultural and economic topics within the framework of sustainability. Travel to local farms required.

AGR 662 Principles of Agroecology (3). Course is designed to cover the basic ecological concepts and the application to agricultural practices and food production systems in the search for the sustainability of human and biological communities within dynamic and varied landscapes.

AGR 663 Advanced Arboriculture (3). Classification, identification and care of ornamental trees, shrubs and vines, including pruning, bracing, surgery, transplanting, insect and disease control, and fertilization, as related to large areas of organized plantings. Lecture, two hours; laboratory, two hours. (Spring, odd years)

AGR 664 Advanced Public Garden Management (3). An overview of the principles involved with public garden management, plant curatorship, collection care, public education, facility design and long-range planning. Prerequisite: AGR 263, AGR 363, or permission from instructor.

AGR 666 Advanced Greenhouse Practicum (3). A study of the principles and practices used in the production of specific important greenhouse crops. Considerable emphasis will be placed on the manipulation of environmental conditions during production.

AGR 667 Advanced Landscape Design (3). The application of design theories, principles and elements to solve landscape design objectives and concerns for residential properties. Attention will be given to site analyses, client concerns, client relationships and contractual agreements while completing the design process. Prerequisite: AGR 367.

AGR 669 Advanced Interior Plantscaping (2). A study of the basic plants used for interior design and decoration. This study includes identification, nomenclature, growing requirements, insect and disease problems and proper use of these plants in interiors.

AGR 670 AG Systems Technology Lab Management (3). This course is a study of theories involving agricultural mechanization and systems technology. Emphasis is placed on understanding the technology involved in operating, maintaining and managing power and machinery, electricity, precision agriculture, soil and water engineering, metallurgy and fabrication, and safety systems. Skill development emphasized. (Fall Only) Prerequisite: AGR 170

AGR 671 Advanced Precision Agriculture (3). Designed for students who desire to apply and expand knowledge of the acquisition and analysis of geographically referenced data for the management of crop production systems, data formats, geographic information systems, grid sampling, soil fertility and physical properties, herbicide management, yield monitoring, variable-rate application, crop modeling and economics.

AGR 672 Advanced Metal Work (3). Application of the principles of arc, MIG, TIG, and oxyacetylene welding in design. Primarily for vocational agricultural teachers. Application of the principles of electric and oxyacetylene welding in design and construction of agricultural projects. (Spring, odd years)

AGR 673 Agricultural Processing Systems (3). An analysis of systems and methods for harvesting, processing and storing agricultural products. Includes drying and curing principles, grinding, mixing, cleaning, sorting, material handling and structural environmental design. (Fall, even years)

AGR 674 Agricultural Irrigation and Water Systems (3). Includes determining water needs, water sources, pumps, fundamental pipeline hydraulics and designing a complete irrigation and/or water system for the farm. (Spring, even years)

AGR 675 Combine and Grain Handling Systems (3). Developing a complete grain harvesting, handling, drying and storage operation. A study of combine operation and the materials flow concept, closed loop handling, psychrometrics, grain drying, drying methods, facility layout and facility management. Combine comparison, selection and utilization.

AGR 678 Research and Development of Agriculture Tractors and Equipment (3). Tours of the major agriculture tractor and equipment industries. The tours include: research and development, engineering, foundries, and the assembly of engines, transmissions, final drives, combines, cotton pickers, and planting equipment. (Summer)

AGR 680 veterinary Products (3). This course deals with old and new products currently available in the veterinary market. Market will include the ordering and purchasing of wholesale products, selling, inventory control, computer programming, marketing, and pricing of products utilized in a veterinary practice.
(Fall)

AGR 682 veterinary Practice and operations (3). Course will deal with the day to day events centered around the operation of a veterinary practice. Supervisory skills, communication skills, inventory, bookkeeping, planning, and advertising are the main areas stressed in this course.

AGR 683 veterinary Law and Ethics (3). Course deals with law and ethics in the veterinary profession. The course will include a basic understanding of law, professional liability, legality of veterinary drugs, ethics and how they pertain to the treatment of animals, and medical records.

AGR 686 Training and Presentation Development Strategies for Agricultural Audiences (3). Students enrolled in this course will plan presentations, apply appropriate presentation methods and techniques, and constructively critique presentations intended for agricultural audiences and situations. Students will also develop skills in organizing and offering agricultural employee training and professional development for others. Emphasis will be placed on training, teaching, and demonstrating technical agricultural content.

AGR 690 Internship in Animal Technology (3-6). Practical full-time work experience to be arranged through an animal-related facility during the fall, spring or summer session. Site to be arranged by the student and approved by the course coordinator. May be repeated for a total of six credit hours. Prerequisites: AGR 100, 300, 331, 332, 340, 351 and 400. Enrollment only by permission of instructor. May be repeated for a maximum of six hours of credit. (Fall, Spring or Summer)

AGR 700 Research in Agriculture (1-3). May be repeated for a total of six hours credit with approval of the department advisor. An approved proposal signed by the faculty member supervising the project must be submitted prior to registration. Requires a minimum GPA of 3.0. (Fall, Spring, or Summer)

AGR 701 Forage Management System (3). An intensive study of forage production and management systems for livestock. (Fall)

AGR 705 Advanced Ration Formulation (3). An advanced study in formulating balanced diets to meet the requirements for lactation, growth and reproduction in livestock. Practice in formulating least-cost rations and designing feeding programs. Prerequisite: AGR 300. (Spring)

AGR 713 (613) Graduate Computer Applications (3). An intensive course designed to enhance the computer skills of agriculture students and to give them the skills necessary to generate useful information and solve a variety of agriculturally specific problems. Students receive instruction on advanced word processing concepts, budget generation, statistical analysis, agribusiness related software and global positioning systems in agriculture. Prerequisite: AGR 339.

AGR 720 Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis (3). An introduction to planning and designing agricultural experiments, stating the objectives, describing the experiment, outlining the statistical analysis, and interpreting quantitative results. Topics include random sampling, normal distribution, student's test, analysis of variance, mean separation, chi-square and simple regression analysis. (Fall)

AGR 722 Graduate Capstone Seminar (1). Reports concerning research projects, creative components, thesis defense, and/or work experience including student and/or faculty discussions. Graduate students must enroll in this course during the last semester of graduate enrollment. Prerequisite: admission to the agriculture graduate program.

AGR 735 Research Methodology (3). Selection, planning and conduct of investigation with reference to alternative scientific methods. Oriented toward all the disciplines of agriculture. Students present research problems coordinated with their advisor. (Fall)

AGR 739 Agribusiness Management (3). A study of the problems confronting agricultural marketing agencies and an application of alternative techniques of analyzing these problems; integration, new technology, selling, purchasing, warehousing, etc. (Summer, with sufficient demand)

AGR 744 Graduate Cooperative Education (3). May be repeated to a maximum of six credits. Graded pass/fail. Prerequisite: permission of chair.

AGR 745 Biotechnology and Agriculture (3). With the use of biotechnology, many new agricultural products are entering the market. This course is a descriptive study of biotechnology and its use in the production of these new products. The class would include basic information about this technology, current capabilities, current limitations, and future prospects.

AGR 748 Weed Science (3). A study of specific problem weeds of the region, their growth habits, life cycles, competitive effects, and the mode of action of herbicides used in their control.

AGR 776 Advanced Agricultural Electrification (3). Troubleshooting and repair of electric motors and controls. Their utilization in handling and processing of agricultural products. Lecture, one hour; laboratory, four hours. (Fall, odd years)

AGR 777 Advanced Tractor Power Principles (3). Analysis of agricultural machines, power units and equipment. Securing, adjusting and preventive maintenance in order to obtain maximum efficiency. Lecture, one hour; laboratory, four hours. (Fall, odd years)

AGR 798 Thesis (3).

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