

AGRONOMY

AGR 5230C Florida Grassland Agroecosystems 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Comprehensive overview of planted and native grassland ecosystems in Florida emphasizing their growth, species diversity, management, and use by ruminant animals. Offered spring term.

AGR 5266C Field Plot Techniques 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Techniques and procedures used in design and analysis of field plot, greenhouse, and laboratory research experiments. Application of research methodology, the analysis and interpretation of research results. Offered fall term.

Prerequisite: STA 3023.

AGR 5277C Tropical Crop Production 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Ecology and production practices of selected crops grown in the tropics. Offered spring term.

Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

AGR 5307 Molecular Genetics for Crop Improvement 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Lectures and laboratory demonstrations for a thorough understanding of concepts and applied aspects of plant molecular and cellular biology. Discussion of current research in plant biotechnology and functional genomics. Offered spring term.

Prerequisite: AGR 3303.

AGR 5321C Genetic Improvement of Plants 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Genetic basis for crop improvement including methods for improving crop yield, pest resistance, and adaptability. Emphasis on manipulating genetic variability in self- and cross-pollinate, annual and perennial crop plants. Offered fall term.

Prerequisite: AGR 3303.

AGR 5444 Ecophysiology of Crop Production 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Physiological, ecological, and environmental responses that impact growth, development, and yield formation of cultivated crops. Offered spring term.

Prerequisite: AGR 3005 or equivalent.

AGR 5511 Crop Ecology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Relationships of ecological factors and climatic classifications to agroecosystems, and crop modeling of the major crops. Offered fall term.

Prerequisite: AGR 4210, BOT 3503, PCB 3043C, or equivalent.

AGR 6233 Tropical Grassland Agroecosystems 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Potential of natural grasslands of tropical and subtropical regions. Development of improved pastures and forages and their use in livestock production. Offered fall term in odd-numbered years.

Prerequisite: AGR 4231C and ANS 5446 or consent of instructor.

AGR 6237C Research Techniques in Forage Evaluation 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Experimental techniques for field evaluation of forage plants. Design of grazing trials and procedures for estimating yield and botanical composition in the grazed and ungrazed pasture. Offered summer C term in odd-numbered years.

Prerequisite: STA 6166. ;

Corequisite: STA 6166.

AGR 6305 Plant Chromosomes and Genomes 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

This course is designed to introduce students to plant chromosome structures, inheritance, basic genomic tools to analyze plant genomes. Main topics include DNA organization in chromosomes, cytogenetics, genomic DNA structure and function, DNA sequencing technologies, transcriptome, basic bioinformatic tools, high throughput DNA marker development, and genomic database exploring.

AGR 6322 Advanced Plant Breeding 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Theory and use of biometrical genetic models for analytical evaluation of qualitative and quantitative characteristics, with procedures applicable to various types of plant species. Offered spring term in even-numbered years.

Prerequisite: AGR 3303, 4231, AGR 6311 , and STA 6167.

AGR 6325L Plant Breeding Techniques 1 Credit

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Examination of various breeding techniques used by agronomic and horticultural crop breeders in Florida. Field and lab visits to active plant breeding programs, with discussion led by a specific breeder each week. Hands-on experience in breeding programs. Offered spring term in odd-numbered years.

Prerequisite: AGR 3303 or equivalent ;

Corequisite: AGR 6322.

AGR 6422C Environmental Crop Nutrition 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Design of cost-effective and environmentally sound crop nutrient management strategies. Diagnostic nutrient analysis, nutrient uptake, BMPs, and sustainable agriculture. Offered fall term.

Prerequisite: BOT 3503.

AGR 6442C Physiology of Agronomic Plants 4 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Yield potentials of crops as influenced by photosynthetic efficiencies, respiration, translocation, drought, and canopy architecture. Plant response to environmental factors. Offered spring term.

Prerequisite: BOT 3503.

AGR 6905 Agronomic Problems 1-5 Credits, Max 8 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Special topics for classroom, library, laboratory, or field studies of agronomic plants.

AGR 6913 Supervised Extension-Agronomy 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Learn and develop extension skills on agricultural systems issues through effective communication with growers/land managers, policymakers, and the public. Students will create and deliver (i.e. oral, written, hands-on activity) an extension project to the targeted clientele.

AGR 6932 Topics in Agronomy 1-3 Credits, Max 8 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Critical review of selected topics in specific agronomic areas.

AGR 6933 Graduate Agronomy Seminar 1 Credit, Max 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Current literature and agronomic developments.

AGR 6940 Supervised Teaching 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Supervised Teaching

AGR 6971 Research for Master's Thesis 1-15 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Research for Master's Thesis

AGR 7979 Advanced Research 1-12 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Research for doctoral students before admission to candidacy. Designed for students with a master's degree in the field of study or for students who have been accepted for a doctoral program. Not appropriate for students who have been admitted to candidacy.

AGR 7980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation 1-15 Credits

Grading Scheme: S/U

Research for Doctoral Dissertation

ALS 5155 Global Agroecosystems 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Focusing on the principles of agroecology and presentation of topics that integrate ecological with agricultural principles to optimize resource conservation, productivity, societal benefit, and profitability.

Prerequisite: SWS 3022 or SWS 5050 & ALS 3153 & AGR 4214C or equivalents.

ALS 5932 Special Topics 1-4 Credits, Max 6 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Special Topics

ALS 6031 Project Team Research: Building Skills in Agrobiology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Hands-on experience in addressing a real-world problem faced by an agricultural industry partner. Production of a detailed plan, project design, and preliminary data for evaluating and solving the problem. Offered every term.

IPM 5305 Principles of Pesticides 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Basic knowledge of pesticides and their use. Practical working knowledge of pesticides used in agricultural and horticultural settings. Offered spring term.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing or instructor's permission to register.

PLS 5625 Upland Invasive Plant Management 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

This course will provide students with a better understanding of upland invasive plant management. Students will learn about upland plant ecosystems, focusing on the role and impacts of nuisance and exotic plants, and how to manage nuisance and invasive plants.

Prerequisite: Botany (BOT 2010C) and Plant Physiology (BOT 3503 or HOS 4304 or AGR 4512).

PLS 5632C Integrated Weed Management 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Overview of weed science principles and practices, emphasizing strategies for southeastern cropping systems. Situations unique to the State of Florida. Offered fall term.

PLS 5633 Aquatic Plant Management 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Provides students with a better understanding of aquatic plant management. Students will learn about aquatic ecosystems, focusing on the role and impacts of nuisance aquatic plants, and how to manage aquatic weeds.

Prerequisite: BOT 2010C and (BOT 3503 or HOS 4304 or AGR 4512).

PLS 6626 Invasive Plant Ecology 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Mechanisms and hypotheses to explain non-native plant invasions. Impacts of invasions on communities and ecosystems, including natural and agricultural areas, management approaches, design and analysis of experiments.

Prerequisite: PCB 4043C, equivalent general ecology course, or permission of instructor

PLS 6655 Plant/Herbicide Interaction 3 Credits

Grading Scheme: Letter Grade

Herbicide activity on plants: edaphic and environmental influences, absorption and translocation, response of specific physiological and biochemical processes as related to herbicide mode of action. Offered spring term in odd-numbered years.

Prerequisite: PLS 4601 and BOT 3503.