

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (AGNR)

Agriculture and Natural Resources Courses

AGNR 050 Innovations in Sustainable Agriculture And Horticulture (0.0 Units)

Students will learn the techniques and practices of Micro/Drip Irrigation, Hydroponics, Aquaponics, Intensive Vegetable Production, Permaculture and Ecological Restoration. Emphasis on hands on demonstrations and field studies where applicable.

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 60 Environmental Horticulture Laboratory (1.0 Units)

Horticulture laboratory setting for horticulture students to practice the skills gained from experience and traditional lecture/laboratory classes. This setting will further prepare students for employment in the horticulture industry.

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 60A Environmental Horticulture Laboratory (1.0 Units)

Horticulture laboratory setting for students to further develop skills taught in traditional lecture/lab classes. Particular emphasis on best practice, and technology for the production of vegetables, herbs, fruit and other food plants.

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 60B Environmental Horticulture Laboratory (1.0 Units)

Horticulture laboratory setting for students to further develop skills in the best practices and technology used for the production and maintenance of California Native plants for Ecological Restoration. Students learn propagation, seed collection and processing, pruning, organic fertilizing, pest management, drip irrigation and monitoring.

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 60C Environmental Horticulture Laboratory (1.0 Units)

Horticulture laboratory setting for students to further develop skills in the best practices, and technology used for the design, installation and management of low pressure and drip irrigation systems.

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 61C Recycling & Essentials of Composting (0.5 Units)

Students learn how to make productive use of unwanted yard waste and other biomass. Topics include: benefits of composting; the biological process of composting; materials that can and cannot be composted; composting methods; vermiculture; using the finished product as a soil conditioner or mulch; and using other solid waste such as straw and concrete in the landscape.

Lecture Hours: 9.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 74 Conservation & Sustainability Practices (5.0 Units)

This class introduces students to the exciting and rapidly expanding practices in the conservation and sustainable use of our natural resources. Local case studies and emerging green technology is presented. Students explore the social, economic, and environmental issues that underlie this new frontier in societal development. The Mojave Desert provides a wonderful natural laboratory where many of these sustainability issues can be explored.

Lecture Hours: 90.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 74A Sustainable Community Leadership (1.0 Units)

Students learn to plan, manage and implement sustainable development practices; development that meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Focus is on the principles of Sustainable Development that ensure effective leadership and a balance of environmental, social, and economic issues. Extensive use is made of case studies and practical on-site experiences in the Mojave Desert.

Lecture Hours: 18.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 74B Biodiversity Management and Technology (1.0 Units)

The reduction of species diversity is a major indicator of the health of complete ecosystem. This class explores the science, tools and practice of conserving and managing biodiversity. Students learn to implement the exciting tools of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Global Positioning Systems (GPS), Satellite Imaging and Database Management, along with an understanding of the expanding career opportunities in these fields. Extensive use is made of local Mojave Desert case studies.

Lecture Hours: 18.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 74C Waste and Pollution Management (1.0 Units)

Students study the use of our natural resources on the environmental, social and economic health of our planet. Focus on best practice and technologies for solid waste, green waste and waste water treatment. Careers in this rapidly expanding and dynamic field are highlighted. The consequences of poor management on the quality of our water and air are explored using real-world examples in the Mojave Watershed.

Lecture Hours: 18.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 74D Ecological Restoration (1.0 Units)

Students study ecological restoration that effectively repairs the damage done by human activities to natural habitats and ecosystems. The restoration methodologies study include: native materials acquisition, seed banking, Mycorrhizal relationships, seed treatments, greenhouse propagation, plant nutrient requirements, water requirements, transplanting protocols, soil evaluation and rehabilitation. Case studies will include riparian and surface mine reclamation in the Mojave Desert.

Lecture Hours: 18.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 74E Sustainable Agriculture Practices (1.0 Units)

This class explores the emerging practices of sustainable agriculture, in response to the negative consequences of industrialized agriculture. Tremendous progress has been made towards farming with nature and restoring ranches to be part of the natural ecosystem. This "farming with the wild" is not only producing more food but enhancing the environment. Students study sustainable practices such as: use of Heirloom seeds, natural fertilizers, drip irrigation, Integrated Pest Management, rotational grazing, organic farming, native hedgerows and natural pollination.

Lecture Hours: 18.0

Transfer: Not transferable

AGNR 100 General Animal Science (3.0 Units)

A scientific based overview of livestock and poultry production industry. Highlights anatomy, physiology, reproduction, nutrition, behavior, and health. Focuses on marketing pertinent to environmental and social issues, such as animal welfare. Includes human opportunity to influence trait inheritance, population densities, productivity and sustainability of the animal production industry. C-ID: AG-AS 104.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 101L Livestock Feeding and Nutrition (3.0 Units)

The science of animal nutrition including the fundamentals of digestion and absorption in both ruminants and non-ruminants. Anatomy of large animal digestive systems will be discussed along with feed requirements. Students will formulate rations for a variety of livestock for maximum performance and growth. Laboratory required.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 102 Equine Science (4.0 Units)

Survey of the equine industry, encompassing the importance and role of the horse throughout history. Focus is on breed selection and development, nutrition, disease, preventative health, reproductive management, basic horsemanship, stabling alternatives and career opportunities. Laboratory required.

Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 105 Equine Health (3.0 Units)

Students learn basic equine veterinary care, principles and practices. Course introduces the diseases and lameness associated with the musculoskeletal system, as well as diseases of the respiratory, digestive, neurological, and reproductive systems. Emphasis is on preventive maintenance and managerial practices needed to keep the equine athlete, broodmare, or family horse in good health.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 106 Veterinary Terminology and Technology (3.0 Units)

Introduction to veterinary terminology and technology for small and large animal diagnostic evaluation. (Formerly AGNR 51)

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 107 Livestock Selection and Evaluation (3.0 Units)

Detailed analysis of various visual and physical methods of appraising beef, sheep, swine and horses concerning functional and economic value. Written and oral summaries of evaluation will be learned. Specific reference will be made to performance data, preparing animals for market and show.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 108 Animal Health & Sanitation (3.0 Units)

Study of common livestock diseases and fundamentals of immunity to include the livestock technician's role in promoting animal health and the foundation of disease control programs. Students are introduced to state-of-the art animal health care technology to include Endoscopy, Tomography (CT Scan), Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Radiography, Fluoroscopy, and Ultrasoundgraphy.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 120 Integrated Pest Management (3.0 Units)

Students will learn the principles and concepts of managing Arthropods and certain relatives affecting food, plants, animals, people, and their structures. Emphasizing insects, mites, ticks, spiders, and miscellaneous related groups; their morphological and phylogenetic relationships; habits and habitats; affecting the well-being of people. Class focuses on pest identification and the introduces the practices of Integrated Pest Management.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 121 Introduction to Environmental Horticulture (3.0 Units)

Introduction to environmental horticulture with an emphasis on propagation, nursery operations and sales, landscaping and ecological restoration. Topics include: plant structure, physiology and identification, propagation, landscape design, seed management, soil analysis, integrated pest management, and career opportunities.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 122 Plant Propagation/Greenhouse Production (3.0 Units)

Students will explore the challenges of propagation and production of native and drought tolerant plants that are adapted to the extreme climate of the High Desert using techniques commonly used in a professional greenhouse environment. Topics include sexual and asexual propagation techniques. The nursery operations of growing structures; site layout; preparation of planting media are emphasized. C-ID: AG-EH 116 L.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 123 Introduction to Plant Science (4.0 Units)

This course provides an introduction to plant science with topics in plant structure and function and the environmental factors involved in plant growth and development. Students will learn: plant physiology; plant reproduction and propagation; effects of soil; water and climate; use of plants to meet human needs; sustainable horticultural practices; integrated pest management; the role of new technologies in contemporary plant science. C-ID: AG-PS 106 L.

Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 131 Introduction to Soil Science (4.0 Units)

The study of soil derivation, classification, and characteristics. Soil use and management including erosion, moisture retention, structure, cultivation, organic matter and microbiology. Laboratory topics include soil type, classification, soil reaction, soil fertility and physical properties of soil. Laboratory included. C-ID: AG-PS 128 L.

Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 138 Cooperative Education Agriculture (1-8 Units)

Cooperative Education is a key element of Victor Valley College's comprehensive approach to career development. Cooperative Education is a 16-, 12-, or 8-week course that enables students to receive college credit for paid or unpaid work opportunities. This course helps students gain valuable on-the-job work experience while providing practical education, best practices in professional development, and academic guidance through the course of their work opportunity. The combination of practical experience and curricular development empowers students to be more competitive, efficient and valuable employees upon completion of this program and/or their academic program trajectory. The course is ideal for students who are cross-training at their current worksite for upward mobility or seeking career changes, as well as those looking for entry-level occupational training through work-based learning experiences such as through an internship. Cooperative Education transforms community businesses, industries, and public agencies into expanded educational training laboratories. Credit is awarded on the basis of learning objectives completed and the number of hours the student trains. Students must create/complete new learning objectives each semester they enroll. Students may utilize their present work sites. More details are available in the Cooperative Education Office, (760) 245-4271, ext. 2281. The office, located in the Academic Commons, is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 2:00-6:00 p.m., and by appointment.

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 140 Plant Material and Usage I (3.0 Units)

Students will learn how to identify and use an array of plants appropriate for the climate of Southern California and the Mojave Desert. The growth habits and cultural requirements of drought tolerant landscape plants, vegetables, fruit trees, herbs, and houseplants will be discussed. This class is essential for landscape designers/installers and horticulturalists working in Southern California. C-ID: AG-EH 108 L.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 141 Plant Materials and Usage II (3.0 Units)

Students study the identification and usage of plants native to Southern California's mountains, deserts, & coastal areas. Emphasis will be placed on Mojave Desert native plants. Class will focus on the uses of these plants: commercially; for landscaping, in sustainable agriculture; fire ecology, land development; and ecological restoration. Class includes field trips to experience native plants in their natural environment. C-ID: AG-EH 112 L.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 150 Landscape Design (3.0 Units)

Fundamentals and history of landscape design. Study of color, texture, form and use of landscape material. Emphasis will be on selection and placement of plant material, walks, patios, decks and other structures for landscape use. Students design and draft actual landscape projects.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 152 Irrigation and Water Management (3.0 Units)

This course prepares students to design, install and maintain a water efficient irrigation system. Topics include water supply, basic hydraulics, component identification and terminology, system layout, pipe sizing, types of heads, valves, controllers, and practices related to appropriate horticulture and small scale agriculture in California.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 153 Natural Landscape Maintenance (3.0 Units)

This course prepares students to enhance the function and aesthetic value of public and private landscapes by applying appropriate maintenance techniques. Topics include planting, pruning, watering, soil fertility, pest management, weed control, and landscape maintenance business practices. Sustainable landscape practices will be emphasized throughout the course.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 160 Beginning Floral Design (3.0 Units)

An introduction to the fundamental theories, techniques and skills currently practiced in the floral industry. Includes applied art principles, cut flower care, handling practices, proper use of florist tools and materials, pricing of floral products and use of current floral business technology. Students construct corsages, floral arrangements, and foliage plant items, which meet floral industry standards.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 161 Advanced Floral Design (3.0 Units)

Contemporary design theory emphasizing creativity, self expression, and professional design situations. Students learn the skills and techniques of the floral industry, including wedding, sympathy, party, holiday, high style and advanced floral designs and displays. Other techniques include working with the customers, consultations, pricing and the use of computers.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 170 Environmental Science and Sustainability (4.0 Units)

A study of the applied natural sciences that support the sustainable use and conservation of the world's natural resources including: soil, water, forests, minerals, plant and animal life. Focused on implementing sustainability principles to balance environmental policy, economic stability and social equity to manage modern problems in resource use and global environmental issues. Emphasis on the the citizen's role in conservation with particular attention to California conditions.

Lecture Hours: 72.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 170L Environmental Science Laboratory Laboratory (1.0 Units)

Students gain hands-on skills and experience with the scientific concepts and appropriate technology that support environmental science and conservation. Students will be introduced to the fundamental issues in natural resource management and the agencies responsible for their sustainable management. The major natural resources of land, soils, water, air, biodiversity, renewable energy, and ecosystems, will be covered along with the sustainable practices needed for their management.

Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 171 Introduction to GIS in Natural Resources (3.0 Units)

Focus on electronic methods of cartography following a presentation of mapping concepts and methods in AGNR applications. This course covers the history, structure and uses of the basic operations of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), including hardware and software requirements used in AGNR. Examination of the role of other spatial technologies: aerial photography, remote sensing, and Global Positioning Systems - GPS.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 172 Natural Resource Remote Sensing & GIS (3.0 Units)

This course examines Geospatial Technologies, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), in an interdisciplinary approach, supporting decision making in diverse natural resource scenarios. Drone technology, aerial photographs, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) and satellite imagery will be used to interpret, recognize and delineate vegetation types, land management practices, wildlife habitat, water resource management and other significant environmental parameters.

Lecture Hours: 36.0; Lab Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 173 Watershed Management and Restoration (3.0 Units)

An introduction to the methods, technology, and tools used to restore and enhance watershed health. This class focuses on water resource management in the West Mojave Desert and makes appropriate linkages to the critical nature of water management in California and around the world. Students explore the economic, political, social, and environmental pressures that must be balanced in providing sustainable water supplies. Students learn the scientific principles that support habitat restoration, groundwater management, soil erosion prevention, and water quality management.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 175 Sustainable Agriculture, Environment and Society (3.0 Units)

This course explores how society is moving away from an industrialized to a sustainable agricultural model. Emphasis on sustainable agriculture's use of technology and the corresponding improvement of the health of the environment, economy, and society.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

AGNR 177 Principles of Wildlife Management (3.0 Units)

The study of plant and animal ecology in relation to principles of wildlife management with an emphasis on identification, sexing and aging criteria, wildlife population dynamics, wildlife habitat, and a review of trapping and marking techniques. Students will be introduced to the principles of biodiversity management and the use of Geospatial Technologies to monitor wildlife populations.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

AGNR 178 Agriculture Economics (3.0 Units)

The place of agriculture and farming in the economic system; basic economic concepts, and problems of agriculture; pricing and marketing problems, factors of production; and state and federal farm programs affecting the farmer's economic position.

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU