AGPS - 1103 Soils, 3.00 Credits
Level: Lower
Course Fee $14.00, Gen Ed - Natural Sciences, Liberal Arts and Science
Fundamental principles of soil science are studied in an effort to relate soil characteristics to plant growth; plant growth as influenced by soil factors. Soil parent materials and soil formation, physical, chemical and colloidal properties of soils and soil surveys, life in the soil, soil water, and water conservation, plant nutrition, lime and liming practices are all covered in this course. Laboratory components complements lecture material.

AGPS - 1104 Soils, 4.00 Credits
Level: Lower
Applied Learning-Practicum
Fundamental principles of soil science are studied in an effort to relate soil characteristics to plant growth. Soil parent materials and soil formation, physical, chemical and colloidal properties of soils and soil surveys, life in the soil, soil water, and water conservation, plant nutrition, lime and liming practices are all covered in this course. Laboratory components complement lecture material.

AGPS - 2113 Field & Forage Crops, 3.00 Credits
Level: Lower
Applied Learning-Field Study
The course will combine fundamental knowledge of field crop physiology with practical training in crop production. Crop interactions with other organisms, both beneficial and deleterious (pests), will be studied. Management of synthetic inputs will be included in this course. Emphasis will be given to cultural (or biological) crop management strategies that reduce input costs in crop production and reduce fluctuations (risks) to crop performance and the environment.

AGPS - 3004 Soil Fertility, 4.00 Credits
Prerequisite(s): AGPS 1103 with D or better
Level: Lower
Applied Learning-Field Study, Course Fee $14.00
This course is a comprehensive study of the management of plant nutrients in agronomic systems for economic response and environmental protection. Topics include diagnosis of nutrient availability and prediction of crop response to fertilizers, interactions between nutrient response and chemical, physical, and biological properties of soils.

AGPS - 5003 Integrated Pest Management, 3.00 Credits
Prerequisite(s): AGPS 1103 with D or better and BIOL 1304 with D or better
Level: Upper
Applied Learning-Practicum, Course Fee $14.00
This course is an introduction to Integrated Pest Management (IPM): the study of plant pest protection on an interdisciplinary basis. Ecological, biological and economic principles will be emphasized from each of the participating disciplines: entomology, nematology, plant pathology, weed science, engineering, and economics. Reasons and principles for establishing pest management programs will be discussed. Computer-aided instruction is used in portions of the course. The objectives of the course are to: introduce the student to the principles of pest management; develop an understanding of vocabulary and basic concepts; develop an understanding of tactics associated with pest management; and create an awareness of interdisciplinary complexity and necessity of systems approach in IPM.

AGPS - 5103 Sustainable Vegetble Prodtn Tech, 3.00 Credits
Prerequisite(s): AGPS 1103 with D or better
Level: Upper
Applied Learning-Entrepreneur, Course Fee $14.00
Students will learn how to site, design, and manage a small-scale vegetable farm using organic and/or other sustainable practices that support niche-marketing strategies. Particular attention will be paid to crop sequences appropriate for the climates and soils of the Northeastern United States. Students will gain hands-on experience in building soil quality, starting transplants, identifying and managing pests, harvesting and marketing of vegetables. Later in the course students will work with sustainable winter-production technologies, including passively-heated high tunnels and intensive vegetable production using hydroponic techniques. Civic Engagement Intensive (CEI) sections exist.