

**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

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**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 1104 with D or better or BIOL 1304 with D or better or BIOL 1104 with D or better or BIOL 2803 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 Vegetb 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.

**AGPS - 5113 Sustainable Fruit Production, 3.00 Credits**

Prerequisite(s): AGPS 1104 with D or better or AGRI 2013 with D or better or BIOL 1304 with D or better or BIOL 1104 with D or better

Level: Upper

Students will learn how to site, design and manage a small-scale fruit farm using organic and/or other sustainable practices. Particular attention will be paid to fruit crops that are suitable for the climate and soils of New York. Proper orchard site selection, soil preparation, how to choose appropriate varieties, proper planting, fertilizing and watering, pruning, grafting, common pests and diseases, harvesting and storage of fruit are all topics that will be discussed. Laboratories will include instruction on techniques important to fruit production, such as grafting, pruning and pest control. Field trips to area fruit growers will be used to supplement student learning.