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Updated Course Descriptions.

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Agricultural Education & Communication Department

AGED–AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

AGED 404  Agricultural Leadership (3)
Emphasis upon equipping current and prospective leaders in agriculture with the background and skills to achieve their potential. Class members will assess their status as leaders and identify means to improve their effectiveness. Focus on the theoretical underpinnings of human motivation, personal leadership, and organizational development. 2 lectures, 1 activity. Prerequisite: Consent of department head.

AGED 410  Computer Applications in Agricultural Education (2)
Development of computer literacy for teaching agriculture. Analysis and specialization of hardware. Instruction in digital technology, TI network systems and software applicable to vocational agriculture. Will be Level 1 certified, which is required for teaching credential candidates. Prerequisite: AG 250 or CSC 110 and consent of instructor.

AGED 421  Organizing and Teaching K-6 Standards (4)
Objectives, content, techniques, materials, and recent trends of successful application of agricultural literacy and awareness to K–6 grade level standards. Ongoing projects, individual and group, allow for exploration and understanding of agriculture as a theme to teach all of the content areas, as well as assist in understanding the educational standards accompanying each lesson. 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Liberal Studies Preservice candidate.

AGED 424  Organizing and Teaching Agriculture (3)
Determining course objectives, content, and calendar for use by the teacher in classroom, shop and field instruction while assigned to community schools. Concurrent with student teaching. 3 activities. Prerequisite: AGED 438 and consent of instructor.

AGED 434  Advanced Special Problems in Agricultural Education (1–4)
Individual investigation, research, studies or surveys of selected problems in Agricultural Communication/Agricultural Education. Total credit limited to 8 units, with a maximum of 4 units per quarter. Prerequisite: Consent of department head.

AGED 460  Research Methodology in Agricultural Education and Communication (1)
Introduction of the research process and topic selection as it relates to the design and development of the senior project within the Agricultural Sciences major. 1 lecture. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

AGED 466  Senior Project I (1)
Empirical application of the scientific method as it relates to the selection of a project under faculty supervision. Projects typical of problems that graduates must solve in their field of employ-ment. Minimum 30 hours total time. Prerequisite: AGED 460.

AGED 467  Senior Project II (1)
Completion of a project begun in AGED 461 under faculty supervision. Projects typical of problems that graduates must solve in their field of employment. Project results are presented in a formal report. Minimum 30 hours total time. Prerequisite: AGED 461 or consent of instructor.

AGED 470  Selected Advanced Topics (1–4)
Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list topic
selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

AGED 471 Selected Advanced Laboratory (1–4)
Directed group laboratory study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1–4 laboratories. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

AGED 481 Developing Digital Presentations for Instruction in Agricultural Education (1)
Directed group study and individualized projects in the design and development of digital presentations in technical agriculture for use in teaching and program public relations. Total credit limited to 3 units. 1 laboratory. Prerequisite: admission to credential program.

AGED 482 Teaching Resources and Curriculum Design (1)
Traditional academic and student-centered approaches to gaining resources and curriculum design. Methods of using, and the development of the knowledge and skills related to planning, implementing, and assessing the high school agriculture curriculum. Organization and management and their relationship to education effectiveness and productivity. 1 lecture. Prerequisite: student teacher candidate.

AGED 500 Individual Study in Agricultural Education (1–3)
Advanced independent study planned and conducted under the direction of a member of the Agricultural Education and Communication faculty. Total credit limited to 6 units. Prerequisite: Consent of department head, graduate advisor and supervising faculty member.

AGED 513 Field Experience–Vocational Agriculture (1–3)
Practice and techniques in management and supervision of vocational agriculture programs. Relationships among students, staff, community and school groups. Budgeting, staffing, records, reporting. Student activities and Future Farmers of America programs. Total credit limited to 6 units. Prerequisite: Prior approval and appointment.

AGED 520 Program Development in Agricultural Education (3)
Development of up-to-date approaches to a total integrated program based on occupational opportunities and community needs. Philosophy, organization and administration of agricultural education programs. Development in such areas as curriculum, supervised occupational experience, Future Farmers of America, and summer programs. 3 seminars.

AGED 522 Instructional Programs in Agricultural Mechanics (3)
Organizing the vocational agriculture mechanics curriculum and determining course content. Student demonstrations and presentations; evaluation and analysis. 1 seminar, 2 laboratories.

AGED 525 Organizing Instruction for Growing and Selling Horticulture Products (3)
Skills and techniques of propagation and production of horticulture crops. Scheduling, growing media, construction and use of forcing structures, and plant identification. Marketing plans and promotions. Teaching methods, curriculum development, and identification of resources and materials for horticultural instruction. 3 lectures. Prerequisite: HCS 120 or EHS 230, and senior or graduate standing. Open to agricultural educators or credential students only.

AGED 530 Developing FFA and Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs in Secondary Education (3)
Integrating FFA and supervised agricultural experience programs into the curriculum. Career development event implementation; record book usage; officer and committee training; recruitment; retention; retreat and leadership training. Current national and state initiatives and experiential learning opportunities in the workplace and entrepreneurial settings. Prerequisite: senior or graduate standing. Not open to students with credit in AGED 330. 3 lectures.

AGED 537 Enhancing Instruction in Agricultural Biology (3)
Teaching methods of important biological concepts using agriculture as the context. Assisting agriculture teachers in identifying proper pedagogical strategies to integrate activities and laboratories into existing agriculture biology courses, including leadership development opportunities and activities. Emphasis on appropriate teaching methods and techniques, career development, and application, and classroom resources. 3 seminars. Prerequisite: AGED 438 or consent of instructor, enrollment in agriculture teaching credential program or MS degree in Agricultural Education, or current agriculture teacher; undergraduate biology course (BIO 111 or equivalent). New course effective Spring 2008.

AGED 539 Graduate Internship in Agricultural Education (1–9)
Application of theory to the solution of problems of agricultural production or related business in the field of Agricultural Education. Analyze specific management problems and perform general management assignments detailed in a contract between the student, the firm or organization, and the faculty advisor before the internship commences. Degree credit limited to 6 units. Prerequisite: Consent of internship instructor.

AGED 570 Selected Topics in Agricultural Education (1–4)
Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 12 units. 1 to 4 seminars. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

AGED 571 Selected Advanced Laboratory in Agricultural Education (1–4)
Directed group laboratory study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1–4 laboratories. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

AGED 580 Special Problems in Agricultural Education (1–3)
Individual study of modern issues and problems conducted through research, planning and development. Field problems and in-service study in agricultural industry encouraged. Final written report required. Total credit limited to 9 units with not more than 3 units in any one quarter. Prior approval of instructor required.

AGED 581 Graduate Seminar in Agricultural Education (3)
Group study of selected developments, trends and issues in the field of Agricultural Education. 3 seminars. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.