AGRO-AGRONOMY (AGRO)

AGRO 100G. Introductory Plant Science
4 Credits (3+2P)
Introduction to the physical, biological, and chemical principles underlying plant growth and development in managed ecosystems. In the laboratory portion of the class, students perform experiments demonstrating the principles covered in lecture. The course uses economic plants and agriculturally relevant ecosystems to demonstrate basic principles. Appropriate for nonscience majors. Same as HORT 100G.

AGRO 200. Special Topics
1-4 Credits (1-4)
Specific subjects and credits to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester. No more than 9 credits toward a degree. May be repeated up to 9 credits. Consent of Instructor required.

AGRO 250. Plant Propagation
3 Credits (2+2P)
Practical methods of propagating horticultural plants by seed, cuttings, layering, grafting, division and tissue culture. Examination of relevant physiological processes involved with successful plant propagation techniques. Crosslisted with HORT 250.

AGRO 257. Introduction to Meteorology
4 Credits (3+3P)
Introduction to Earth's atmosphere and the dynamic world of weather as it happens. Working with current meteorological data delivered via the Internet and coordinated with learning investigations keyed to the current weather; and via study of select archives. Consent of instructor required. Crosslisted with: GEOG 257 and SOIL 257.

AGRO 300. Special Topics
1-4 Credits (1-4)
Specific subjects and credits to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester. No more than 9 credits toward a degree. May be repeated up to 9 credits. Consent of Instructor required. Restricted to Las Cruces campus only.

AGRO 303V. Genetics and Society
3 Credits
Relates the science of genetics with social ramifications. Ways in which genetics and evolution interact with social, political, and economic issues. Includes genetic engineering, gene therapy, DNA finger-printing, ancient DNA, plant and animal improvement, and future prospects. Students required to formulate value judgments on contemporary biological issues that will impact society. Crosslisted with: GENE 303V.

AGRO 305. Principles of Genetics
3 Credits
Covers fundamental principles of reproduction, variation, and heredity in plants and animals. Crosslisted with: ANSC 305, BIOL 305, HORT 305 and GENE 305.
Prerequisite(s): BIOL 111G, BIOL 211G and either CHEM 111G or CHEM 115.

AGRO 311. Introduction to Weed Science
4 Credits
Principles of weed science with emphasis on characteristics of invasive plants, methods of integrated weed management, and current issues impacting weed management. Identification of local weeds. Same EPWS 311.
Prerequisite: junior standing or consent of instructor and CHEM 111G and BIOL 211G.

AGRO 315. Crop Physiology
3 Credits
Whole plant physiological processes as related to growth, development, yield, quality and post harvest physiology of crop plants within the environment of the crop community. Crosslisted with: HORT 315
Prerequisite(s): EPWS/BIOL 314 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 365. Principles of Crop Production
4 Credits (3+3P)
Basic principles of crop production including environmental and physiological factors limiting production, plant nutrition and soil science, soil-water management, cropping systems and management, pest management, and economic factors influencing crop production. Crosslisted with: HORT 365
Prerequisite(s): AGRO/HORT 100, CHEM 111G or equivalent and MATH 120 or equivalent.

AGRO 377. Introduction to Turfgrass Management
4 Credits (3+3P)
Establishment and maintenance of turfgrass with emphasis on seeding methods, soil and water management, mowing, disease, insects and turfgrass varieties. Consent of instructor required. Crosslisted with: HORT 377

AGRO 391. Internship
1-6 Credits
Professional work experience under the joint supervision of the employer and a faculty member. A written report is required. No more than 6 credits toward a degree. Consent of Instructor required. S/U Grading (S/U, Audit).
Prerequisite(s): Consent of Instructor.

AGRO 447. Seminar
1 Credit
Organization, preparation, and presentation of current topics in agronomy, horticulture, and soil science. Same as HORT 447 and SOIL 447.

AGRO 449. Special Problems
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Research problem, experience training, or other special study approved by a faculty adviser. Maximum of 3 credits per semester and a grand total of 6 credits. May be repeated up to 6 credits. Consent of Instructor required.

AGRO 450. Special Topics
1-4 Credits (1-4)
Specific subjects to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester and a total of 9 credits toward a degree. May be repeated up to 9 credits. Consent of Instructor required.

AGRO 462. Plant Breeding
3 Credits
Principles and practices involved with the genetic improvement of plants. Same as HORT 462.
Prerequisites: ANSC/AGRO/BIOL/HORT 305.
AGRO 471. Plant Mineral Nutrition  
3 Credits  
Basic and applied aspects of plant requirements for soil-derived minerals and the processes whereby minerals are acquired, absorbed, translocated, and utilized throughout the plant. Same as HORT 471 and EPWS 471.  
Prerequisite: EPWS/BIOL 314, or concurrent enrollment, or consent of instructor.

AGRO 483. Sustainable Production of Agronomic Crops  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Characteristics and objectives of sustainable agricultural systems with application to the production, utilization, and improvement of cereal grain, fiber, forage and oilseed crops.  
Corequisite(s): AGRO 365 or HORT 365.

AGRO 485. Materials from Biorenewable Resources  
3 Credits  
Types, sources, composition and properties of biomass. Production, processing, and applications of biomass materials with energy, water, cost, sustainability, and waste management considerations. Crosslisted with: HORT 486, E S 485, SOIL 485 and CHME 485.  
Prerequisite(s): CHEM 211 or CHEM 313 or permission of instructor.

AGRO 492. Diagnosing Plant Disorders  
3 Credits (2+3P)  
Systematic diagnosis of the physiological, pathological, and entomological causes of plant disorders. Same as EPWS 492 and HORT 492.  
Prerequisites: EPWS 303 and EPWS 310.

AGRO 500. Special Topics  
1-4 Credits  
Specific subjects and credits to be announced in the Schedule of Classes. Maximum of 4 credits per semester. No more than 9 credits toward a degree.

AGRO 505. Research Orientation  
4 Credits (3+2P)  
Training in writing research proposals, presentation of research results, and interpretation of research results. Crosslisted with: HORT 505 and SOIL 505

AGRO 506. Plant Genetics  
3 Credits  
Advanced treatment of the principles of classical genetics and heredity with emphasis on the nature and action of the gene including molecular analysis. CHEM 345 recommended. Same as HORT 506.  
Prerequisite: AGRO 305 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 511. Introduction to Weed Science (f)  
4 Credits  
Covers the principles of weed science with emphasis on characteristics of invasive plants, methods of integrated weed management, and current issues impacting weed management. Includes identification of local weeds. Research paper required for graduate credit. Same as EPWS 511.  
Prerequisites: CHEM 111G and BIOL 190 or BIOL 211G, or consent of instructor.

AGRO 514. Soil-Plant Relationships  
3 Credits  
Physical, chemical, and biological soil environment as it affects plant and crop growth. Same as HORT 514 and SOIL 514.  
Prerequisites: BIOL 314, SOIL 252.

AGRO 515. Crop Physiology  
3 Credits  
Whole plant physiological processes as related to growth, development, yield, quality and post harvest physiology of crop plants within the environment of the crop community. Crosslisted with: HORT 515  
Prerequisite(s): EPWS/BIOL 314 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 516. Molecular Analysis of Complex Traits  
3 Credits  
Provide a comprehensive overview of molecular genetic analysis of complex phenotypes, including case histories/experiments in plants, animals and humans. Emphasize technological developments in DNA marker technologies and their application to molecular quantitative genetics. Explore the efficient application of these technologies in the future to complex genetic systems, breeding, and other areas of life sciences. Same as HORT 516.  
Prerequisite: AGRO 305 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 525. Scientific Writing- How to be a Productive and Effective Writer  
1-3 Credits (1-3)  
Students will learn to improve their writing skills so that their manuscript preparation process is more efficient and productive. Students will also gain experience in peer-review. Crosslisted with: HORT 525, EPWS 525, SOIL 525, AGRO 625, HORT 625 and SOIL 625.

AGRO 533. Environmental Physiology of Plants  
3 Credits  
Integral responses of plants and crop productivity to naturally occurring and modified environmental factors such as radiation, temperatures, water vapor, carbon dioxide, and air flow. Same as BIOL/HORT 533.  
Prerequisite: BIOL 314 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 590. Graduate Seminar  
1 Credit  
Current research discussions presented by masters level graduate students. Not more than one credit toward the degree. Same as HORT/ SOIL 590. Crosslisted with: HORT 590 and SOIL 590.

AGRO 595. Internship  
1-6 Credits  
Supervised professional on-the-job learning experience. Limited to Master of Agriculture candidates. Not more than 6 credits toward the degree.

AGRO 596. Masters Proposal  
1 Credit  
Current research proposal written by masters level graduate students. Consent of Instructor required. Crosslisted with: E S 596, GENE 596, HORT 596 and SOIL 596. Restricted to: Masters HORT; Masters PLEN majors.  
Prerequisite(s): Master level graduate students.

AGRO 597. University Teaching Experience  
1-3 Credits (1-3)  
Certain graduate students will be permitted to teach up to one-third of one AGRO/HORT/SOIL/ES course. The student will prepare and deliver lectures and will prepare, administer, and grade at least one examination. The professor in charge of the course will attend and evaluate the student’s lectures. Consent of instructor required. Restricted to: Main campus only. Restricted to Agronomy and Horticulture Graduate Students. Crosslisted with: HORT 597 and SOIL 597.
AGRO 598. Special Research Programs
1-6 Credits
Individual investigations, either analytical or experimental. Maximum of 6 credits per semester. No more than 9 credits toward degree. Same as SOIL 598.

AGRO 599. Master's Thesis
15 Credits
Thesis.

AGRO 600. Doctoral Research
1-15 Credits
Research.

AGRO 609. Breeding for Plant Disease Resistance
3 Credits
A practically-oriented course of lectures and discussion on concepts and principles of breeding for disease and pest resistance. Labs familiarize students with preparation, quantification, and application of inoculum to hosts. Same as HORT 609.

AGRO 610. Advanced Crop Breeding
4 Credits (3+3P)
Applications of breeding principles to crop improvement. Emphasis on breeding methodologies using modern techniques, including biotechnology. Same as HORT 610.
Prerequisite: AGRO 462 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 620. Instrumentation in Agronomy
3 Credits
Use of instruments used in research in all areas of agronomy including gas chromatography, high performance liquid chromatography, neutron soil moisture probe, and other instruments. Same as HORT/SOIL 620.

AGRO 625. Scientific Writing- How to be a Productive and Effective Writer
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Students will learn to improve their writing skills so that their manuscript preparation process is more efficient and productive. Students will also gain experience in peer-review. Students in the 600-level course will be required to perform additional research than those students in the 500-level cross-listing Crosslisted with: AGRO 525, HORT 525, EPWS 525 and SOIL 525.

AGRO 670. Biometrical Genetics and Plant Breeding
3 Credits
A statistical approach to gene action and population parameters as applied to plant improvement. Same as HORT 670.
Prerequisite: AGRO 462 or consent of instructor.

AGRO 694. Doctoral Seminar
1 Credit
Current research discussions presented by doctoral level graduate students. Not more than 2 credits toward the degree. Same as SOIL 694.
Prerequisite: doctoral level graduate students.

AGRO 696. Doctoral Proposal
1 Credit
Current research proposal written by doctoral level graduate students. Not more than 1 credits toward the degree. May be repeated up to 1 credits. Crosslisted with: ES 696, AGRO 696, HORT 696 and SOIL 696.
Prerequisite(s): Doctoral level graduate students.

AGRO 697. University Teaching Experience
1-3 Credits (1-3)
Certain graduate students will be permitted to teach up to one-third of one AGRO/HORT/SOIL/ES course. The student will prepare and deliver lectures and will prepare, administer, and grade at least one examination. The professor in charge of the course will attend and evaluate the student's lectures. Consent of instructor required. Crosslisted with: HORT 697 and SOIL 697

AGRO 698. Topics in Agronomy
1-6 Credits
Topics of current interest, designated by title and credit. Maximum of 6 credits per semester. No more than 9 credits toward a degree.

AGRO 700. Doctoral Dissertation
15 Credits
Dissertation.