

Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences (CSES)

Courses

CSES 5001. Weed Science Practicum. 1 Hour.

Training for membership on weed team, through participation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CSES 5013. Crop Physiology. 3 Hours.

Understanding and quantitative measurement of physiological processes, plant responses, and environmental parameters in relation to the production of crops. Prerequisite: BIOL 4303.

CSES 5023. Physiology of Herbicide and Plant Interaction. 3 Hours.

The reproduction, growth, and development of weeds and the ecological factors affecting these processes; development and mechanisms of herbicide resistance, flow of herbicide-resistance genes; and development of herbicide-resistant crops. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 4143 or CSES 5143 (formerly CSES 4143) and (BIOL 4303 or CHEM 5813).

CSES 502V. Special Problems Research. 1-6 Hour.

Original investigations on assigned problems in agronomy. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CSES 5033. Advanced Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition. 3 Hours.

Study of water uptake, ion absorption, translocation and metabolism in higher plants. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: BIOL 4303 and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L.

CSES 504V. Special Topics. 1-4 Hour.

Topics not covered in other courses or a more intensive study of specific topics in agronomy. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. May be repeated for degree credit.

CSES 5053. Scientific Writing. 3 Hours.

Open to graduate students, especially those in agricultural and life sciences. The course will cover searching the scientific literature, writing theses, proposals, journal articles, and other scientific documents. Emphasis on style and techniques used in scientific publication. Lecture and workshop 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CSES 5073. Advanced Crop Science. 3 Hours.

Fundamental concepts of crop physiology, crop improvement, seed science, and crop production systems. Recitation 3 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4013 and CSES 5073.

CSES 5093. Plant Breeding. 3 Hours.

(Formerly CSES 4103.) Basic principles involved in plant breeding programs to improve crop plants and seed programs. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4103 and CSES 5093. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: ANSC 3123 or BIOL 2323.

CSES 5103. Scientific Presentations. 3 Hours.

Experience in procedures required for professional presentations of scientific papers, seminars, posters; and research findings at meetings in conferences, and with discussion groups. Instruction in organization of materials, visual aids, and good speaking habits. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

CSES 5114. Soil Fertility. 4 Hours.

Study of the soil's chemical, biological and physical properties, and human modification of these properties, as they influence the uptake and utilization of the essential nutrients by plants. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4224 and CSES 5114. Corequisite: Lab component.

CSES 5133. Ecology and Morphology of Weedy and Invasive Plants. 3 Hours.

(Formerly CSES 4133.) Study of weeds as economic pests occurring in both agricultural and nonagricultural situations and including poisonous plants and other specific weed problems. Gross morphological plant family characteristics which aid identification, habitat of growth and distribution, ecology, competition, and allelopathy are discussed. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours a week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4133 and CSES 5133. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2103 or HORT 2003.

CSES 5143. Principles of Weed Control. 3 Hours.

(Formerly CSES 4143.) Advanced concepts and technology used in modern weed control practices and study of the chemistry and specific activity of herbicides in current usage. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4143 and CSES 5143. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CHEM 1073 and CHEM 1071L.

CSES 5214. Analytical Research Techniques in Agronomy. 4 Hours.

Preparation and analysis of plant and soil samples utilizing spectrophotometry, isotopes, and chromatographic separation methods. Additionally, measurements are made of photosyntheses, respiration, water relationships, light, and temperatures in whole plants. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 4 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: BIOL 4303 and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L.

CSES 5224. Soil Physics. 4 Hours.

Physical properties of soils and their relation to other soil properties, growth of plants and transport of water, oxygen, heat, and solutes such as pesticides and plant nutrients. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2203 and MATH 1203.

CSES 5233. Plant Genetic Engineering. 3 Hours.

Topics will be covered in the field of in vitro plant biology, transgene genetics and crop genetic engineering. Concepts and applications of transgenic plant technology will be discussed, with the emphasis on the strategies for crop improvement and gene discovery. Lecture 3 hours.

CSES 5253. Soil Classification and Genesis. 3 Hours.

(Formerly CSES 4253.) Lecture and field evaluation of soil properties and their relation to soil genesis and soil classification with emphasis on soils of Arkansas. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4253 and CSES 5253. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2203 and CSES 2201L.

CSES 5264. Microbial Ecology. 4 Hours.

A study of the microorganisms in soil and the biochemical processes for which they are responsible. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Additional suggested prerequisites are BIOL 2013, CSES 2203, and ENSC 3003. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: BIOL 1543 and BIOL 3863 or ENSC 3223.

CSES 5303. Bioenergy Feedstock Production. 3 Hours.

(Formerly CSES 4303.) Overview of production and characteristics of cultivated crops, perennial grasses, and woody species as feedstocks for bioenergy. Fundamentals of plant growth factors, culture, harvest and storage, quality and improvement, and introduction to environmental impact, modeling, and resource utilization. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4303 and CSES 5303. Prerequisite: MATH 1203 and BIOL 1543 or CSES 1203.

CSES 5313. Crop Simulation Models in Research, Management and Policy. 3 Hours.

The basics of theory and practice of crop simulation models and their applications in crop research and management, and cropping systems planning and policy. Prerequisite: MATH 1203 and BIOL 1543 or CSES 1203 or consent of instructor. Courses in introductory chemistry and plant physiology are preferred.

CSES 5323. Soil/Water Quality in Bioenergy Feedstock Production Systems. 3 Hours.

Examine concepts of soil and water quality in relation to bioenergy feedstock production, explore research related to biomass removal and by-product addition to soils, and examine the potential effects of proposed feedstock production systems on soil and water quality. Prerequisite: MATH 1203 and CSES 2203 or equivalent or consent of instructor, and CSES 4303 or CSES 5303 (formerly CSES 4303) preferred.

CSES 5453. Soil Chemistry. 3 Hours.

Application of the principles of chemistry to processes of agronomic and environmental importance in soils. Soil clay mineralogy, soil solution thermodynamics, structure and reactivity of humus, surface complexation and ion exchange, electro-chemical phenomena, and colloidal stability. Prerequisite: CSES 2203 and CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L.

CSES 5533. Wetland Soils. 3 Hours.

(Formerly CSES 4553.) This course explains the chemical, physical, and morphological characteristics of wetland soils and describes the techniques for identifying wetland soils using field indicators and monitoring equipment. This course also explains principles of wetland creation, restoration, and mitigation - all key components in assuring the sustainability of valuable wetland resources. Graduate degree credit will not be given for both CSES 4553 and CSES 5533. Prerequisite: CSES 2203 and CSES 2201L or CSES 355V.

CSES 5543. Plant Genomics. 3 Hours.

Plant genetics based on the study of whole genome sequence, transcriptome and proteome. Provides an overview of the principles and techniques of experimental and in silico genomics. Covers all areas of genome research including structural, comparative and functional genomics as well as proteomics. Prerequisite: CHEM 5843 or any graduate level genetics course.

CSES 5553. Forage-Ruminant Relations. 3 Hours.

Advanced chemical, physical, and botanical characteristics of forage plants, the dynamics of grazing, intake and digestion, and techniques of measuring forage utilization and systems analysis at the plant-animal interface. CSES 1203 recommended. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: ANSC 3143. This course is cross-listed with ANSC 5553.

CSES 5653. Fate and Transport of Organic Contaminants. 3 Hours.

Fate and Transport of Organic Contaminants will present an overview of the transformation and transport processes that influence the environmental fate of organic contaminants, with an emphasis on agricultural pesticides. Biotic and abiotic factors influencing the movement and behavior of organic contaminants in soil and water will be covered extensively, with an emphasis on chemical mechanisms. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L and CSES 2203, or instructor consent.

CSES 600V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.

Master's Thesis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. May be repeated for degree credit.

CSES 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.

Doctoral Dissertation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. May be repeated for degree credit.