Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences (CSES)

Courses

CSES 1203. Introduction to Plant Sciences. 3 Hours.
An introduction to basics of agricultural crop plant structure, growth, and production. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CSES 2013. Pest Management. 3 Hours.
Introduction to basic principles of pest management as they relate to vertebrate animals, insects, plant disease and weeds. Selected pests are studied with emphasis on current management approaches and alternative pest control. (Typically offered: Spring)

CSES 2101L. Crop Science Laboratory. 1 Hour.
A series of laboratory experiments designed to reinforce principles of plant growth and development, reproduction, classification, and the utilization of plant products. Emphasis is placed on major crop plant species. Experiments are conducted by individuals or by teams. Laboratory consists of a single, 2-hour period each week. Required for Crop Management majors. Corequisite: CSES 2103. (Typically offered: Spring)

CSES 2103. Crop Science. 3 Hours.
Principles of crop growth, development, and utilization and how these principles relate to production. Emphasis on major agronomic crop species. Lecture 3 hours per week. (Typically offered: Spring)

CSES 2201L. Soil Science Laboratory. 1 Hour.
Field and laboratory exercises related to the study of the physical, chemical, and biological properties of soils. Laboratory mandatory for all crop management and environmental, soil, and water science majors and optional for others. Laboratory 2 hours per week. Pre- or Corequisite: CSES 2203. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CSES 2203. Soil Science. 3 Hours.
Origin, classification, and physical, chemical, and biological properties of soils. Lecture 3 hours, discussion 1 hour per week. Corequisite: Drill component. Prerequisite: MATH 1203 or higher (to include MATH 1213, MATH 1284C, MATH 1514, MATH 2213, MATH 2043, MATH 2053, MATH 2445, MATH 2514, MATH 2554, MATH 2564, or MATH 2574) and CHEM 1103 or CHEM 1073. (Typically offered: Fall and Spring)

CSES 3023. Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences Colloquium. 3 Hours.
A communication-intensive course covering topics in agronomy and environmental, soil, and water science with particular emphasis on spoken communication but also including written communication, group activities, professionalism, ethics, problem solving, and information retrieval. A student-oriented class with collaborative participation. Colloquium workshop: 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: COMM 1313 and Junior or Senior standing only. (Typically offered: Fall)

CSES 3214. Soil Resources and Nutrient Cycles. 4 Hours.
Integration of the fundamental concepts of the biological, chemical, and physical properties of soil systems and their roles in managing soil resources. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 3 hours per week. Pre- or Corequisite: BIOL 2013 and BIOL 2011L. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2203. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

CSES 3312. Cotton Production. 2 Hours.
Principles and techniques associated with production of cotton. Recitation 2 hours per week. Prerequisite: CSES 1203 or CSES 2103. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

CSES 3322. Soybean Production. 2 Hours.
An overview of the history and utilization of soybean as well as the physiological and environmental basis for the development of economical soybean production practices. Recitation 2 hours per week. Prerequisite: CSES 1203 or CSES 2103. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

CSES 3332. Rice Production. 2 Hours.
A study of the principles and practices involved in rice culture worldwide with major emphasis on the United States. Recitation 2 hours per week. Prerequisite: CSES 1203 or CSES 2103. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

CSES 3342. Cereal Grain Production. 2 Hours.
An overview of the botany, production, cultural practices, soil & climatic adaptation and utilization of the major cereal grain crops. Prerequisite: CSES 1203 or CSES 2103. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

CSES 355V. Soil Profile Description. 1-2 Hour.
Training for soil profile description writing and membership of judging teams. (Typically offered: Fall) May be repeated for up to 8 hours of degree credit.

CSES 3603. Metrics for Sustainable Agricultural Systems. 3 Hours.
Analysis of productive agricultural systems necessary to meet expanding demand worldwide for food, feed, fiber and fuel while preserving critical ecosystem services to avoid future catastrophic failures of the biosphere. Characterization of sustainable systems using well-defined metrics, indicators and indices, including reference to sustainability certifications. Metrics for soil, water, atmosphere and biodiversity. Applications in crop and animal production with scales from field to watershed to eco-region. Examining the process and methodologies of integrating metrics into indices to support sustainable supply chain decisions. Discussion of life cycle analyses and current initiatives toward approaching agricultural systems sustainability. Technical course intended for students in agriculture, biology, business, engineering, and environmental sciences. (Typically offered: Fall)

CSES 400V. Special Problems. 1-6 Hour.
Work on special problems in crop, soil and environmental sciences or related field. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CSES 4013. Advanced Crop Science. 3 Hours.
Fundamental concepts of crop physiology, crop improvement, seed science, and crop production systems. Recitation 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: CSES 2103 and CSES 2203. (Typically offered: Spring)

CSES 402V. Special Topics. 1-3 Hour.
Studies of selected topics in crop, soil and environmental sciences not available in other courses. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for up to 12 hours of degree credit.

CSES 4103. Plant Breeding. 3 Hours.
Basic principles involved in plant breeding programs to improve crop plants and seed programs. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 hours per week. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: ANSC 3123 or BIOL 2323. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

CSES 4133. Ecology and Morphology of Weedy and Invasive Plants. 3 Hours.
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. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2103 or HORT 2003. (Typically offered: Fall)

CSES 4143. Principles of Weed Control. 3 Hours.
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. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CHEM 1073 and CHEM 1071L. (Typically offered: Spring)
CSES 4224. 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. Prerequisite: CHEM 1123 and CHEM 1121L or (CHEM 1073 and CHEM 1071L and CHEM 2613 and CHEM 2611L). Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2201L and CSES 2203. (Typically offered: Fall)

CSES 4253. Soil Classification and Genesis. 3 Hours.
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. Corequisite: Lab component. Prerequisite: CSES 2203 and CSES 2201L. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

CSES 4303. Bioenergy Feedstock Production. 3 Hours.
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. Prerequisite: MATH 1203 and BIOL 1543 or CSES 1203. Courses in introductory chemistry or soil science are preferred. (Typically offered: Spring)

CSES 4553. Wetland Soils. 3 Hours.
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. Prerequisite: CSES 2203 and CSES 2201L or CSES 355V. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

CSES 462V. Internship. 1-6 Hours.
Supervised practical work experience in agronomy and environmental science to develop and demonstrate professional competence. Faculty approval of project proposal prior to enrollment and written and oral reports after the project is complete are required. Prerequisite: Instructor consent. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for up to 6 hours of degree credit.

CSES 5001. Weed Science Practicum. 1 Hour.
Training for membership on weed team, through participation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Summer)

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. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

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). (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

CSES 502V. Special Problems Research. 1-6 Hours.
Original investigations on assigned problems in agronomy. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer)

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. (Typically offered: Spring Even Years)

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. (Typically offered: Irregular) May be repeated for degree credit.

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. (Typically offered: Fall)

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. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

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. (Typically offered: Fall)

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. (Typically offered: Fall)

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. (Typically offered: Fall)

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. (Typically offered: Spring)

CSES 5214. Analytical Research Techniques in Agronomy. 4 Hours.
Preparation and analysis of plant and soil samples utilizing spectrophotometry, isopes, 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. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

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. (Typically offered: Spring)

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. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)
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. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

CSES 5264. Microbial Ecology. 4 Hours.
A study of the microorganisms in soil and the biochemical processes for which they are responsible. Lecture 2 hours, laboratory 2 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. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

CSES 523. 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 BIOL 1543 or CSES 1203. (Typically offered: Spring)

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. (Typically offered: Fall Even Years)

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 3503 or CSES 3503 (formerly CSES 4303) or CSES 5303 (formerly CSES 4303) preferred. (Typically offered: Fall Odd Years)

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. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

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. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)
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. (Typically offered: Spring Odd Years)

CSES 600V. Master's Thesis. 1-6 Hour.
Master's Thesis. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.

CSES 700V. Doctoral Dissertation. 1-18 Hour.
Doctoral Dissertation. Prerequisite: Graduate standing. (Typically offered: Fall, Spring and Summer) May be repeated for degree credit.