Moberly Area Community College
Common Syllabus
AGR202 Crop Production
Current Term

Instructor: 
Office number: 
Office hours: 
Response Time: I typically respond to student emails with 24 hours, Monday through Friday. 
Contact information: 
Classroom number: 
Class days and time: 

Catalog Description: AGR202 Crop Production (3-2-4)
This course acquaints the student with advanced practice row crop management with a primary focus on Midwestern cropping systems. Areas of study include: grain, oilseed, and forage production in the context of the overall agricultural economy. Emphasis is placed on both the biological and mechanical systems involved in crop production. Topics include: plant development, variety selection, seedbed preparation and planting, pest management, harvesting, and storage of grain. (FA)

Prerequisite/Co-requisite: 
AGR141 Plant Science, BIO101 Biology, OR BIO151 Introductory Plant Biology.

Texts: 
Title: Introduction to Agronomy: Food, Crops, and Environment, 2nd Edition 
Authors: Craig C. Sheaffer, Kristine M. Moncada

Other Required Materials: calculator

Purpose of Course: The central purpose of this course is that the student will develop an understanding of basic crop production, specifically that of row crops and forage crops. The student will increase his or her knowledge of other agronomic topics, including cropping systems, tillage practices, plant pests and pest management, crop harvest and crop storage. The student will do this by participating in lecture/discussion, readings, homework assignments, projects and laboratory and field investigations.

Course Objectives: 
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to: 
- Demonstrate basic knowledge of row crop and forage crop production. 
- Describe principles of soil, water, nutrient and pest management. 
- Explain the principles of crop production, and how they are influenced by environmental and social pressures. 
- Demonstrate basic skills in critical thinking, reading, and writing.
Course Content:
I. History of agriculture and agronomy
II. Plant growth and development
III. Variety selection, seedbed preparation and planting of grain crops
IV. Harvest and storage of grain crops
V. Integrated pest management (IPM)
VI. Corn and Soybean production
VII. Forage crop production

Relative emphasis on topics per instructor’s policy.

Connection with Career and Technical Education (CTE) Outcome Statement: In compliance with MACC’s General Education outcomes, the student who successfully completes this course will be able to:
- Demonstrate effective written and oral communication skills.
- Demonstrate an understanding of scientific principles and computational skills and how to use them to solve problems and make informed decisions.

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING:

Grade Scale:
- A = > 90%
- B = 80-89%
- C = 70-79%
- D = 60-69%
- F = < 60%

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<td>Exams</td>
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<td>Lab Assignments*</td>
<td>250 points</td>
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<td>Quizzes (online)</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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*Select labs within this course will cover topics pertaining to precision agriculture. These labs will be conducted online by Mr. Allan Sharrock. Any questions regarding these labs should be directed to Mr. Sharrock at allans@macc.edu. Points from these labs will factor into a student’s final grade in this course.

Expected Study Time Commitments: Students should expect to spend approximately 2 to 4 hours per week studying, reading, and working on assignments for each registered credit hour. For example, 6 to 12 study hours per week may be expected for a 3-credit hour class.
Description of Major Assignment(s)/Project(s):
In addition to exams, students enrolled in this course will be expected to complete weekly lab assignments which pertain to the current topic of study. Homework assignments and online quizzes will also be assigned throughout the semester.

INSTRUCTOR POLICIES:

Tardiness and Absence:
per Instructor’s policy

Make-up and late work:
per Instructor’s policy

Extra-credit work:
per instructor’s policy

Schedule of Student Assignments/Activities:
Instructors will identify a Student Assignment/Activities schedule. Instructors have the prerogative to construct the schedule by class periods, weeks, or an overview of topics to be covered.

Other:
List any other instructor policy

COLLEGE POLICIES

Attendance:
Students are expected to attend all class sessions for which they are enrolled. The College reserves the right to drop or withdraw students from courses due to lack of attendance.

Students need to be aware that dropping/being dropped from a course and their last date of attendance in the course may impact their financial aid.

MACC faculty are required to track attendance and report lack of attendance. An instructor must complete the appropriate steps to drop a student within one week following the student’s violation of the attendance policy. Additionally, a student’s attendance rate will be calculated based upon the first day the academic session begins (not the student’s date of enrollment in the course). If a student does not attend a course as defined below, the student will be dropped as “Never Attended.”

Term Length Drop Calculations

16-week: Any student who misses two (2) consecutive weeks of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by
the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

8-week: Any student who misses one (1) consecutive week of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

4-week: Any student who misses two (2) consecutive days of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

Intersession: Any student who misses one (1) day of class will be dropped from the course by the instructor unless acceptable justification is provided by the student and the student still has the opportunity to be successful in the course.

Acceptable justification may include, but is not limited to, family emergencies, illness or injury, college-approved co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, and religious holidays.

**Definition of Course Attendance**

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Simply logging into the Learning Management System (Canvas) and/or accessing the course and course related material does not constitute active participation for the online component of hybrid courses or for online courses. *(Policy Handbook, G.040)*

**Academic Dishonesty:**

MACC board policy is as follows: “Academic dishonesty by students damages institutional credibility and unfairly jeopardizes honest students; therefore, it will not be tolerated in any form.” Forms of
academic dishonesty include but are not limited to the following: violations of copyright law, plagiarism, fabrication, cheating, collusion, and other academic misconduct. Incidents of dishonesty regarding assignments, examinations, classroom/laboratory activities, and/or the submission of misleading or false information to the College will be treated seriously. The procedure for handling academic dishonesty is outlined in the Student Handbook (Policy Handbook G.020). In cases of alleged academic dishonesty, the burden of proof is on the student, not on the instructor.

Recording Class Sessions Using Zoom:
The privacy of students is a priority in live or virtual meetings. Recordings of lectures or class meetings that share student information constitute an educational record and are protected under FERPA. Instructors may share recordings within the course section where they were originally recorded and only with the students enrolled in the section. Documented consent from each student identified in the recording is required to distribute outside of the course where it was originally recorded, or student identity must be redacted.

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Student Email:
MACC Mail is the official student email system at MACC. Official college communication is sent via this email system. Students are responsible for checking their MACC Mail account regularly. Students may also receive notifications and reminders from MACC through the online learning platform. However, students should remain aware that the online learning platform messaging system and MACC Mail (student email) system are two separate systems.

ADA Statement:
Students who have disabilities that qualify under the Americans with Disabilities Act may register for assistance through the Office of Access and ADA Services. Students are invited to contact the Access Office to confidentially discuss disability information, academic accommodations, appropriate documentation and procedures. For more information, please call either the Moberly office at (660) 263-4100 Ext. 11240 or the Columbia office at (573) 234-1067 Ext. 12120, or visit our web page at http://www.macc.edu/index.php/services/access-office.

Title IX Statement:
MACC maintains a strict policy prohibiting sexual misconduct in any form, including sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and sexual violence. All MACC employees, including faculty members, are considered mandated reporters of sexual misconduct and as such are expected to contact the Title IX Coordinator when they become aware, in conversation or in writing, of an incident of sexual misconduct. For more information on this policy or to learn about support
resources, please see http://www.macc.edu/sexual-misconduct-policy or contact Ms. Cheryl Lybarger, MACC's Title IX Coordinator, at 660-263-4110, ext. 11369 or CherylLybarger@macc.edu.