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Dear Dr. Smith

Attached please find updated curriculum sheets for the Sustainable Plant Systems – Plant Biosciences Specialization BS AGR Effective AU22 and AU23, offered in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. There has been an additional updated to the AU22 version that was sent to you on 4 June. In the process of reviewing majors to be programmed into the new degree audit system, Buckeye Degree Planner, we are carefully reviewing all our curriculum sheets. For the SPS-PBS major, Effective AU22 and AU23, we identified a correction that is the result of a course implementation that is different than what was listed in the original curriculum sheets. Specifically:

- AU22 and AU23: HCS/AGSYSMT 3586 Digital Agriculture with Laboratory (4 cr) has been approved and is an alternative to HCS/AGSYSMT 3585 Digital Agriculture (3 cr) – this is listed in the Minor Equivalent.
- AU22: AGSYSMT 3580 as been replaced by AGSYSMT 5560 – this is listed in the Minor Equivalent

No current students will be impacted by this update.

Attached please find updated curriculum sheets highlighting the changes. I believe this can be shared as an information item with the Council on Academic Affairs – if you believe this will require a vote for approval (rather than shared as an information item), please let me know and I will prepare a formal proposal for revision.

Please let me know if you need additional information or clarification.

Thank you,

Jeanne

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Historical & Cultural Studies	***Student Choice***	3
Natural Science	Major requirement: **BIOLOGY 1113 *** *(or Student Choice – see below)*	4
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Theme**: Citizenship for a Diverse & Just World** [a]	***Student Choice***	4-6
Theme: **Student Choice** [a]	***Student Choice***	4-6
GE Reflection	**GENED 4001**	1
	Credit Hours:	**33-38**

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Open Electives	**0-9**
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HCS 2202	Form and Function in Cultivated Plants	4
HCS 2201 *-or-*	Ecology of Managed Plant Systems (prior to AU22)	4
HCS 2204 &	Ecology of Managed Plant Systems ❖ (3)	
HCS 2205	Ecology of Managed Plant Systems Lab (1)	
HCS 2260	Data Analysis and Interpretation for Decision Making	3
HCS 3100 *-or-* 3200 *-or-* 3470	Intro to Agronomy ***-or-*** Intro to Horticulture ***-or-*** Intro to Turfgrass Mgmt.	3
HCS 3220	Crop Origins and Diversity	2
HCS 3310	Crop Responses to the Environment	3
HCS 5325 *-or-* MOLGEN 4500	Plant Genetics ***-or-*** General Genetics	3
HCS 5621	Physiology of Cultivated Plants	3
HCS 5622 *-or-* BIOCHEM 4511	Biochemical Processes in Cultivated Plants ***-or-*** Introduction to Biological Chemistry	3-4
ENR 3000	Soil Science	3
ENR 3001	Soil Science Laboratory	1
Select one capstone course:		3
HCS 5100	Advanced Cropping Systems	
HCS 5200	Advanced Horticultural Principles and Practices	
HCS 5602	The Ecology of Agriculture	
Major Electives: Select 10 credit hours from:		
HCS 2307	Sustainable Agr Practical Exp	2
HCS 3320	Plant Propagation	3
HCS 3420	Seed Science	3
HCS 3521	Greenhouse Systems and Management	2
HCS 4193	Individual Studies	1-3
HCS 4300	Hydroponic Crop Production	2
HCS 4301	Hydroponic Crop Production Lab	1
HCS 4520	Medicinal Plants	2
HCS 4570	Turfgrass Management and Science	3
HCS 4998, 4999, or 4999H [c]	Undergraduate Research, Research with Distinction, or Honors Research with Distinction	1-6
HCS 5097.01-.04 & 5797.01-.04	Study Abroad Pre-Departure & Study Abroad	4
HCS 5100 [d]	Advanced Cropping Systems	3
HCS 5200 [d]	Advanced Horticultural Systems	3
HCS 5411	Domestication and Utilization of Agronomic Crops	3
HCS 5412	Agroecology of Grasslands and Prairies	3
HCS 5422	Biol & Mgmt. of Weeds and Invasive Plants	3
HCS 5450	Vegetable Crop Production and Physiology	3
HCS 5460	Fruit Crop Physiology and Production	3
HCS 5602 [d]	Ecology of Agriculture	3
HCS 5625	Applied Plant Biotechnology	2
HCS 5825	Plant Breeding	2
HCS 5887	Introduction to Experimental Design	3
	Credit Hours:	**45-46**

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Course	**Title**	**Hours**
BIOLOGY 1114	Biological Sciences: Form, Function, Diversity, and Ecology	4
CHEM 2310 or 2510 [e]	Introductory Organic Chem or Organic Chem I	4
	Credit Hours:	**8**

Minor Equivalent (15-18 hours)*		
EEOB 3310.01 or .02	Evolution	4
EEOB 3410	Ecology	4
Select an additional 7-10 hours from supporting electives below:		
Course	**Title**	**Hours**
AGSYSMT 3580/5560	UAS and Remote Sensing in Agriculture	3
HCS/AGSYSMT 3585 or 3586	Digital Agriculture/with Laboratory ❖	3-4
CHEM 2520	Organic Chemistry II	4
CHEM 2540	Organic Chemistry Laboratory I	2
CHEM 2550	Organic Chemistry Laboratory II	2
EEOB 3320	Organismal Diversity	3
EEOB 4240	Ecology & Evolution of Plants and People	3
EEOB 5450	Population Ecology	3
ENR 3321	Biology and Identity of Woody Forest Plants	3
ENR 3700	Introduction to Spatial Information for ENR	3
ENR 5261	Environmental Soil Physics	3
ENR 5263	Biology of Soil Ecosystems	3
ENR 5273	Environmental Fate & Impact of Contamination in Soil & Water	3
ENR 5274	Ecosystem Simulation	3
ENTMLGY 4000	General Entomology	3
ENTMLGY 5420	Insect Behavior	3
ENTMLGY 6410	Insect Ecology & Evolution	3
GEOG 5900	Weather, Climate, & Global Warming	3
MOLGEN 4501	General Genetics Laboratory	1
MOLGEN 4502	Expanded General Genetics Laboratory	2
MOLGEN 5623	Genetics and Genomics	2
MOLGEN 5630	Plant Physiology	3
MOLGEN 5643	Plant Anatomy	3
MOLGEN 5701	DNA Transactions and Gene Regulation	3
MOLGEN 5735	Plant Biochemistry	3
PLNTPTH 3001	General Plant Pathology	3
PLNTPTH 3002	General Plant Pathology Lab	2
PLNTPTH 5010	Phytobacteriology	2
PLNTPTH 5020	Introductory Plant Virology	2
PLNTPTH 5030	Plant Nematology	2
PLNTPTH 5040	Science of Fungi: Mycology Lecture	3

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* Students interested in a Molecular Genetics enriched minor curriculum should plan to take MOLGEN 4500.
* Students interested in an advanced plant pathology (5000-level) minor curriculum should plan to take PLNTPTH 3001 and 3002.

Policies and General Requirements for Degree

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- A minimum of 30 semester hours of credit earned through regular course enrollment at this University, and regular course enrollment in the last semester in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences.
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- Students are encouraged to participate in education abroad opportunities. Consult with your advisor for how education abroad credit applies to your degree or consider the CFAES Global Option.
- Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours in major/major supporting coursework with at least 12 hours taken from the academic unit(s) offering the major at OSU in the baccalaureate program.
- Courses required in the major (including major supporting courses and major electives) may **not** be taken pass/non-pass.
- Coursework taken as open electives may include a maximum of 4 credit hours of physical activity courses (all 1139-1197 courses), and a maximum of 4 credit hours of campus music organizations.
- A college maximum of six hours of individual studies courses (x193) can be applied toward graduation; some majors may have a lower maximum.
- Students of CFAES must complete an internship of 1-2 hours as a requirement for degree. Any additional internship credit hours may count towards major hours (consult with your advisor). A college maximum of six hours of internship credit can be applied toward graduation; some majors may have a lower maximum.
- A maximum of three credits of 3488 can be applied toward graduation although some majors may have a lower maximum. A cumulative point-hour ratio of 2.0 is required to register for 3488 credit.
- Credit hours for 4999 ("with Research Distinction") and 4999H ("with Honors Research Distinction") are repeatable to maximum of six hours.
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- A 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio is required in the minor/minor equivalent with a minimum C- grade for any course to be listed in the minor or minor equivalent (includes transfer credit).
- For programs requiring a minor: minors should be declared by the time students complete 60 hours.
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