

Horticulture (HORT)

Courses

HORT 115 Home Horticulture (2 Hours)

This course provides basic knowledge for the design and management of home lawns, flower and vegetable gardens, and landscape trees and shrubs. Students will learn basic plant anatomy and physiology concepts; how to recognize some common plant deficiency symptoms; the use of fertilizers and pesticides; identification of some common trees, shrubs and garden plants; and the major considerations of good landscape design.

HORT 135 Landscape Design (3 Hours)

The course is designed to familiarize students with aspects of landscape design. Students will analyze the site and preferences of the client and complete a landscape design following basic design principles. Students will learn presentation graphics, hand lettering techniques, and how to make a hand drawing to scale.

HORT 140 Turfgrass I (3 Hours)

The basics of turfgrass identification, selection, use and care will be covered. The emphasis will be on efficient management of soil and turf on large or small grounds. Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to demonstrate their ability to properly identify the major categories of turfgrass; establish and maintain turfgrass; identify turfgrass pests; and develop a pest control fertilizer program. Irrigation systems, their maintenance and repair will also be discussed.

HORT 150 Fruits, Vegetables and Herb Crops (2 Hours)

This course is designed to familiarize garden center employees with the plant materials and production of crops many homeowners use and grow. This course will help the employee answer many homeowner questions about production, varieties and potential crop problems. Home hobbyists may also wish to enroll in this course.

HORT 160 Garden Center Operations (3 Hours)

This course is designed for garden center employees and provides background on the elements necessary for success in a competitive retail environment. The business organization is emphasized, including environmental monitoring, selling, inventory issues, merchandising, advertising, cost effectiveness, labor/team relationships and customer service. In addition, safety and legal issues are examined.

HORT 165 Arboriculture (3 Hours)

This course will prepare the student to work with trees in Zones 5-6. In lecture and lab settings students will learn and demonstrate how to properly plant, prune and maintain trees, identify hazard trees and proper pruning and tree removal techniques. Emphasis will be placed on ANSI and OSHA safety requirements. At the end of this course the student will be prepared to take the test for arboriculture certification in Kansas.

HORT 201 Introduction to Horticultural Science (4 Hours)

This is an introduction to the principles and practices of horticultural plant systems. Plant structure and function will be discussed, along with the effects of environmental factors on plant growth. General cultural practices will be described, including pest control, mineral nutrition and plant propagation.

HORT 205 Plant Propagation* (3 Hours)

Prerequisites : HORT 201 or department approval.

This course provides basic knowledge of the art and science of sexual and asexual methods of propagating plants. Students study the processes of seed development, seed dormancy, germination, root initiation and grafting. Students will learn basic seed sowing, cutting and grafting skills. The students will be able to demonstrate the selection of appropriate propagation methods and choose the proper environmental conditions necessary to achieve successful propagation of seeds or cuttings.

HORT 214 Woody Plants, Deciduous (3 Hours)

The class places emphasis on identification, ornamental characters, site requirements, and use of woody ornamental deciduous trees and shrubs with special emphasis on the cultivated varieties in climatic zones 5 and 6. Plant uses and seasonal effects and influences that affect plant choices will be also be taught. This course will assist the horticulturist, grounds maintenance employee, landscaper, and garden center employee in identifying plant materials used in the landscape.

HORT 215 Woody Plants, Evergreens (3 Hours)

This course places emphasis on identification, ornamental characteristics, site requirements and use of evergreen trees and shrubs with special emphasis on the cultivated varieties in climatic zones 5 and 6. Plant uses and seasonal effects and influences that affect plant choices will be taught. This course will assist the horticulturist, grounds maintenance employee, landscaper and garden center employee in identifying plant materials used in the landscape.

HORT 220 Herbaceous Plants (3 Hours)

This course will focus on the identification, ornamental characters, culture, propagation, and use of herbaceous perennials, bulbs, ground covers, vines and annuals. This course will assist the grounds maintenance employee, landscaper, and garden center employee in identifying and selecting herbaceous plant materials with additional emphasis on uses and maintenance of these plants when used in the landscape.

HORT 225 Plant Problems* (3 Hours)

Prerequisites : HORT 214 and HORT 220 or department approval.

This course is a broad-spectrum overview of plant insects, diseases and nutrition. Students will look at plants to identify the common characteristics found when diagnosing plant problems. Identification, treatment and treatment alternatives will be considered to help customers make diagnostic decisions for the use of chemicals and integrated pest management techniques (IPM).

HORT 235 Landscape Maintenance and Techniques (3 Hours)

This course is designed to familiarize students with the principles and techniques involved in landscape maintenance including pruning techniques, fertilization, irrigation, spray schedules and weed control. Installation and maintenance of annual and perennial plant material is examined. In addition, the student will learn to design preventive strategies and identify and examine disease and insect damage. The students will learn how to maintain good customer relations.

HORT 240 Turfgrass II* (3 Hours)

Prerequisites : HORT 140.

This course is a continuation of turfgrass I (HORT 140). Topics include green construction, top dressing, sprayer calibration, management programs (e.g., setting up a lawn care program) and the influence environment has on turfgrass growth.

HORT 255 Pest Management (3 Hours)

This course will explore the general concepts of turf, ornamental, commercial crop and vegetable garden maintenance and pest control in the local area. The student will become familiar with federal and state regulations pertaining to horticulture chemical application. Upon completion of this course, the student should be prepared to take the Kansas or Missouri licensing examination to become a certified applicator of restricted horticultural pesticides and herbicides.

HORT 260 Horticulture Soils (3 Hours)

This course covers soil components as well as the physical, chemical and biological properties of soils that affect plant growth. Emphasis will be placed on horticultural substrates and urban soils and their applications.

HORT 265 Landscape Construction (3 Hours)

This course will cover the theories, principles and practices used in the interpretation and implementation of landscape construction. It will include site planning and preparation, safety principles, tool use and identification, landscape and construction materials, job bid development and project management. Construction projects in the class will vary by semester.

HORT 270 Horticulture Internship* (3 Hours)

Prerequisites : Department approval.

Student should be able to apply classroom knowledge to an actual work situation. The internship will provide students on-the-job experience under the supervision of professionals in the Horticultural industry. The work will be developed cooperatively with area employers, college staff and each student to provide a job experience in the area of their horticultural focus and career goals. 20 hrs field study.

HORT 291 Independent Study* (1-7 Hour)

Prerequisites : 2.0 GPA minimum and department approval.

Independent study is a directed, structured learning experience offered as an extension of the regular curriculum. It is intended to allow individual students to broaden their comprehension of the principles of and competencies associated with the discipline or program. Its purpose is to supplement existing courses with individualized, in-depth learning experiences. Such learning experiences may be undertaken independent of the traditional classroom setting, but will be appropriately directed and supervised by regular instructional staff. Total contact hours vary based on the learning experience.