AG 002: ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Effective Term:
Spring 2021

Credit Status:
Credit - Degree Applicable

Subject:
AG - Agriculture

Course Number:
002

Catalog Title
Environmental Conservation

Catalog Description
A study of the world's environment, including the study of food and fiber systems, ecology, populations, environmental pollution, bioterrorism, and conservation of natural resources. Students will participate in field tours to examine natural and altered habitats and threats to society and the environment.

Method of Instruction:
Distance Education
Field Experience
Lecture and/or Discussion

Course Units/Hours:

Course Units Minimum:
3

Lecture Hours Minimum (week)
3

Total Contact Hours Minimum (semester)
52.5

Total Outside Hours Minimum (semester)
105

Total Student Learning Minimum Hours (semester)
157.5

Repeatability:
No

Open Entry/Exit:
No

Field Trips:
Required

Grade Mode:
Standard Letter

TOP Code:
010100 - * Agriculture Technology and Sciences, General

SAM Code:
C - Clearly Occupational

Course Content

Methods of Assessment:

Essay quizzes or exams
Oral presentations
Problem solving assignments or activities
Problem solving quizzes or exams
Project
Short answer quizzes or exams
Written essays or extended papers

Course Topics:

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1	Environmental science and ecological principles Understanding the environment Species interaction and endangerment Ecosystems -- local, global
2	The Scientific Method
3	Society and the environment Solid, toxic and hazardous waste Urbanization Globalization
4	Phyical resources Air, climate and weather Air pollution Water pollution Conventional energy Energy cycles
5	Food, land and biological resources World hunger Food and fiber systems Sustainable agriculture Natural resources and soil conservation Biodiversity Land use -- forests and rangelands
6	Population and environmental health Population dynamics Environmental health and toxicology Bioterrorism
7	Environmental Cycles- Hydro logic Cycle, Carbon Cycle, and Nitrogen Cycle

Course Objectives:

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1	Define the role of a conservationist and ordinary citizen in protecting the environment.
2	Familiarize students with day-to-day environmental concerns in bioterrorism as it relates to human, plant, and animal health.
3	List and recommend sustainable methods for improving agricultural and natural resource systems.
4	List, identify, and give functions of natural ecosystems.
5	Propose and explain possible solutions for improving the environment.
6	Have an understanding of career opportunities in environmental conservation and natural resources.

Course Outcomes:

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1	1: Given energy flow and hydrologic cycles, students will be able to describe in written form the use and application of energy systems that are compatible with safe environmental practices.
2	AG 002: Given that students will interpret, identify, and evaluate energy flow and hydrologic cycles, students will be able to describe in written form the use and application of energy systems that are compatible with safe environmental practices.

Assignments:

Assignment Type:	Details
Reading	Students may read a peer reviewed article about an environmental study
Writing	Students may have to summarize a peer reviewed article
Homework	Students may have to access their environmental impact by monitoring their fuel consumption, electricity consumption or solid waste production.

Textbooks or other support materials

Resource Type:	Details
Books	Essential Environment: The Science Behind the Stories 6th Edition. Authors Jay Withgott, Matthew Laposata. Publisher Pearson Copyright 2019

Transferable to CSU

Yes - Approved

CSU General Education

CSU GE B2: Life Science
Transferable to CSU

Transferable to UC

Yes - Approved

UC/IGETC General Education

Transferable to UC
IGETC 5B: Biological Sciences

COS General Education

COS GE B: Natural Sciences

Other Degree Attributes

Degree Applicable
Not a Basic Skills Course

Distance Learning Addendum

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Banner Title:

Environmental Conservation

Curriculum Committee Approval Date:

10/22/2020

Academic Senate Approval Date:

10/28/2020

District Governing Board Approval Date:

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