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100 Horticulture: Plants and People
Spring, 3(2-2) R: Not open to juniors or seniors in the Department of Horticulture. Functional uses of plants: aesthetics, food, industry, recreation. Growing and using horticultural plants. Consumer and environmental issues related to horticulture in daily living.

102 Plants for Food, Fun, and Profit
Fall, Summer, 2(2-0) Introduction to the science and art of horticulture including plant breeding, ornamental plant and food production (organic and traditional), postharvest handling, horticultural industries and landscaping. Educate consumers about horticultural plants, products, and their relationship to environment.

109 Introduction to Applied Plant Science

111 Landscape Design
Spring, 3(3-0) SA: HRT 072 Not open to students with credit in HRT 311. Functional uses of the landscape, landscape design process, drafting and graphic representation, plant selection and use, planting design principles, construction materials and specifications. Offered first ten weeks of the semester.

124 Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
Fall, Spring, 2(2-0) Interdepartmental with Animal Science and Crop and Soil Sciences and Community Sustainability. Administered by Crop and Soil Sciences. R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Contemporary research and movements involving agricultural and food system sustainability. Socio-cultural factors influencing food and agriculture.

135 Crop Scouting and Investigation
Spring, 3(4-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences. Administered by Crop and Soil Sciences. P: CSS 101 or HRT 203 RB: CSS 101L R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Crop scouting and agricultural clientele interactions for improved crop management. Offered first ten weeks of semester.

203 Principles of Horticulture
Fall, 3(2-2) SA: HRT 201 Basics of horticulture. Plant growth including crop selection and management, cultivar development, crop geography, environmental factors affecting plant growth and development, and reproductive development. Field trip required.

204 Plant Propagation
Spring, 2(2-3) SA: HRT 204L, HRT 104 Asexual propagation including rooting of cuttings, micropropagation, grafting, layering, and underground structures. Sexual propagation including seed germination, storage, and production. Offered first 10 weeks of the semester.

205 Plant Mineral Nutrition
Spring, 1(3-0) P: CSS 210 RB: HRT 203 Mineral elements required by plants. Essential elements, effect of soil and potting media on nutrient availability, absorption and function in plant physiology, and nutrient deficiency and toxicity symptoms. Methods of monitoring and managing plant nutrient levels. Class meets first five weeks of semester.

206 Training and Pruning Plants
Spring, 1(2-2) Principles and techniques of pruning for landscape and nursery ornamentals, Christmas tree production, tree fruits, and small fruits. Pruning practices, equipment, and basic large tree care techniques. Class meets last five weeks of the semester.

207 Horticulture Career Development
Fall, 1(1-0) Internship preparation and identification of employment opportunities. Career goal establishment, resume construction, correspondence development, personal budgeting, interview skills and strategies.

211 Landscape Plants I
Fall, Spring, 3(2-2) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Identification, adaptation, and evaluation of shade trees, narrow-leaved evergreens, shrubs, woody vines, herbs, ornamental grasses, and herbaceous perennials.

212 Landscape Plants II
Fall, Spring, 3(2-2) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Identification, adaptation, and evaluation of flowering trees and shrubs, evergreen trees and shrubs, ground covers and bulbs.

213 Landscape Maintenance
Fall, Spring of odd years, 2(2-0) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Ornamental plant management. Plant growth and development related to pruning, fertilization, irrigation, weed control, transplanting, development of landscape management specifications; integrated plant management and plant health care programs.

213L Landscape Maintenance Field Laboratory
Fall, Spring, 1(2-0) P: HRT 213 or concurrently R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Landscape maintenance. Site analysis. Pruning woody plants, transplanting by hand and mechanical tree spade, and planting techniques for ornamentals. Herbaceous perennial care, cutting back, dividing. Scouring as a component of integrated pest management and plant health care programs.

214 Landscape and Turfgrass Business Operations
Spring, 2(3-0) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. SA: AT 082 Organizing, marketing, and directing a business enterprise within the turf and landscape industry. Project estimating, bidding, payroll, equipment, and accounting. Offered first ten weeks of semester.

218 Irrigation Systems for Horticulture
Spring, 3(2-2) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Design, installation and maintenance of irrigation systems for turfgrass and landscape plants. Design hydraulics, equipment selection, pump stations, water features, water quality and conservation.

219 Landscape Computer Aided Design
Spring of even years, 2(3-0) RB: CSE 101 or CSS 110 Computer Aided Design (CAD) for landscape design. Calculations, takes off, perspective drawings using AutoCAD software. Offered first ten weeks of semester.

220 Annual and Aquatic Landscape Plants
Spring of even years, 3(2-2) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Identification and evaluation of annuals, biennials and aquatic plants used in landscapes and for other horticultural purposes.

221 Greenhouse Structures and Management
Fall, 3(3-0) Planning and operation of a commercial greenhouse. Structures, coverings, heating, cooling, ventilation, irrigation, fertilization, root media, and pest control.

224 Sustainable Farm and Food Systems Field Studies
Fall, Spring of odd years, 2(3-0) R: Open to freshmen or agricultural technology students. Field visits to farm and food system operations that utilize sustainable practices in Michigan. Offered first half of semester.

232 Principles and Practices of Grape Production
Spring of even years, 3(3-0) Spring: Northwestern Michigan College. P: PLB 105 R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. SA: HRT 432 Grapevine physiology, structure, and function. Techniques for vineyard establishment. Cultivar and rootstock selection, influence of environmental factors on vine growth, pre-plant site selection and preparation, training and trellising systems, cultural practices for canopy management, and methods of crop control.

234 Current Issues in Viticulture and Enology
Spring of even years, 1(1-0) Spring: Northwestern Michigan College. A student may earn a maximum of 3 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. SA: HRT 334 Grape, juice, and wine production. Current and new technologies. Wine sales and marketing. Vineyard and winery establishment and management. Preservations and discussions by MSU faculty and Michigan grape and wine industry professionals.

242 Passive Solar Greenhouses for Protected Cultivation
Spring, 1(1-0) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Season extension and year-round vegetable, herb, flower, and fruit production in unheated, low cost passive solar greenhouses. Marketing options, site selection, site preparation, structures, and organic crop management methods. Field trip required.
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243 Organic Transplant Production
Spring. 1(1-0)

251 Organic Farming Principles and Practices
Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences. Administered by Horticulture.
History and principles of organic farming. Farms as ecological systems. Certification process and agencies. Organic matter management, the soil food web, and nutrient availability. Biodiversity, crop rotations, plant competition, ground cover, and plant health. Integrating crops and animals. Organic animal husbandry. Field trip required.

253 Compost Production and Use
Spring. 1(1-0) R: Open to undergraduate students or agricultural technology students. Process and methods of composting, maturity and quality analysis, and use of compost products at home and farm scale. Field trip required.

258 Study a Farm
Summer. 3(1-2) P: HRT 251
Field trips to visit Michigan organic farms, farmers’ markets, food distributors and retailers to observe farming and marketing methods and learn from farmers. Field trips required.

290 Independent Study in Horticulture
Fall, Spring. Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to students in the Institute of Agricultural Technology. SA: HRT 075
A planned learning experience developed by the student in cooperation with a faculty member.

310 Nursery Management
Fall. 3(2-3) P: HRT 203 or HRT 109 SA: HRT 071, HRT 210
Management and cultural practices of field and container grown nursery operations. Site selection and development, financing, legal restrictions, personnel management, production practices, nutrition, irrigation, weed and pest control, modification of plant growth, storage, shipping, and marketing. Field trip required.

311 Landscape Design and Management Specifications
Spring. 4(3-2) Interdepartmental with Landscape Architecture. Administered by Horticulture. P: HRT 211 and (HRT 212 or concurrently)
Landscape design techniques, spatial organization, plant selection, plant and site interaction. Relationship between design, construction and maintenance. Preparation of planting and maintenance specifications.

322 Floriculture Production: Herbaceous Perennials and Annuals
Spring of even years. 3(2-3) P: HRT 203 and (HRT 204 or concurrently) and HRT 221
Commercial greenhouse and outdoor production of herbaceous perennials, annuals, and other plants typically sold in retail nurseries for outdoor gardens. Plant identification, propagation, production, scheduling, and finishing procedures based on specific plant growth requirements. Plant selection, marketing, and retailing issues.

332 Tree Fruit Production and Management
Fall. 2(1-3) P: HRT 203 or HRT 251
Commercial apple, cherry, peach, and pear production. Cultural practices to manipulate growth and development and optimize fruit yields and quality. Field trips required.

336 Viticulture and Berry Production
Spring. 2(1-2) P: HRT 203 or HRT 251 SA: HRT 335
Commercial production of grapes, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, cranberries and minor fruit. Physiology, growth and development of these species. Cultural practices used to optimize fruit yields and quality. Field trip required.

341 Vegetable Production and Management
Spring. 3(2-3) P: HRT 203 or (HRT 251 or concurrently) SA: HRT 440, HRT 442
Field production of vegetable crops. Marketing systems, tillage practices, field establishment, cultural management, pest management, harvesting, and postharvest handling and storage.

361 Applied Plant Physiology
Fall. 3(3-0) P: PLB 105 or BS 161 or BS 171 RB: HRT 203 and HRT 204
Whole plant physiological and growth responses of plants to light, temperature, and gases during commercial plant production. Coordination and management of growth for optimum production and quality.

362 Applied Crop Improvement
Spring. 1(3-0) P: HRT 203 and PLB 105 SA: HRT 480
History of plant improvement. Basic genetic principles of crop breeding and biotechnology. Class meets weeks 6 to 10 of the semester.

401 Advanced Horticultural Crop Physiology
Spring. 3(3-0) P: HRT 361 or PLB 301 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. SA: HRT 480
Physiological and flowering responses of horticultural crop plants to environmental variables. Adaptive responses of plants to environmental stress. Management of these factors for optimum production.

403 Handling and Storage of Horticultural Crops
Fall. 3(2-3) P: BS 161 or PLB 105 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. SA: HRT 482
Biological principles involved in quality maintenance of horticultural products. Control of deterioration during harvesting, handling, transport, and storage.

404 Horticulture Management (W)
Spring 3(2-2) P: (HRT 203) and completion of Tier I writing requirement RB: EC 201 or EC 202 R: Open to seniors in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. SA: HRT 488
Integration of management, economic, marketing, and horticultural production principles to develop personnel, financial, and resource strategies. Horticultural business plan development in a team situation. Effects of business decisions on people and profits.

407 Horticulture Marketing
Fall. 3(2-2) RB: EC 201 or EC 202 R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
Demographic and purchase trends of perishable horticultural commodities including landscape and floral crops, and fruits and vegetables. Market segmentation and product targeting, distribution, branding and packaging, and advertising and promotion. Services as a critical component of strategic business planning.

411 Landscape Contract Management
Fall. 3(2-2) P: HRT 311 RB: HRT 311

415 Natural Landscapes, Native Plants and Landscape Restoration
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) P: HRT 211 or HRT 212 or BS 162 or LB 144 R: Not open to freshmen
Natural landscapes, native plants and landscape restoration options for natural and built environments. Planning and design approaches, site engineering, construction practices, and management guidelines. Case studies, regulatory policies, contract services, resources and issues. Field trip required.

417 Sustainable Sites and Environmental Landscape Practices
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) P: HRT 211 or HRT 212 R: Not open to freshmen.
Sustainable sites and environmental landscape practices integrated into the built environment. Planning and design approaches, site engineering, construction practices, and management guidelines. Case studies, specifications, certification programs.

424 Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems: Integration and Synthesis
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Animal Science and Crop and Soil Sciences and Community Sustainability. Administered by Crop and Soil Sciences. P: CSS 124 and (CSS 224 or concurrently) R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students.

430 Exploring Wines and Vines
Fall. 3(3-0) RB: Must be 21 years of age. R: Approval of department.
Consumer-oriented study of wine history, production methods, climatic influences, cultural impacts, social responsibility, and economic impact of wine industry as part of modern agriculture. Sensory evaluation and its relationship to food pairings. Field trip required.

441 Plant Breeding and Biotechnology
Spring of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry. Administered by Crop and Soil Sciences. P: CSS 101
Plant improvement by genetic manipulation. Genetic variability in plants. Traditional and biotechnological means of creating and disseminating recombinant genotypes and cultivars. Importance of plant breeding to our food system, economy, and environment.

451 Biotechnology Applications for Plant Breeding and Genetics
Spring. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry. Administered by Crop and Soil Sciences. P: CSS 350 or ZOL 341 R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students.
Principles, concepts, and techniques of agricultural plant biotechnology. Recombinant DNA technology, plant molecular biology and transformation in relation to plant improvement.
460 Green Roofs and Walls
Fall. 2(2-0) Interdepartmental with Fisheries and Wildlife and Geography and Planning, Design and Construction. Administered by Horticulture. P: HRT 203 or FW 101 or GEO 208 or PDC 120 or EGR 100 R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students.

Green roof and wall design and installation practices including plant species and substrates. Environmental impact, ecosystem services, integration with other environmental practices. Influence of economics, public policy, and industry organizations on the implementation of green roofs on a wide scale. Multidisciplinary nature of planning and implementation of successful green roof and wall projects.

461 Seminar in Plant, Animal and Microbial Biotechnology
Spring. 1(1-0) Interdepartmental with Animal Science and Biosystems Engineering and Crop and Soil Sciences. Administered by Horticulture. P: (ANS 425 or concurrently) or (BE 360 or concurrently) or (CSS 451 or concurrently) or (MMG 445 or concurrently)

Current applications of plant, animal and microbial biotechnology in agriculture and related industries. Technologies under development and factors associated with moving from laboratory to product development. Field trips required.

475 International Studies in Horticulture
Spring of odd years, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R.B. HRT 203 and HRT 204 R: Approval of department; application required.

Study and travel experience emphasizing contemporary problems, issues, and trends in horticulture.

477 Pesticides in Pest Management
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Entomology. Administered by Entomology. R.B. General chemistry, entomology, plant pathology, weed science. R: Open to juniors or seniors or graduate students.

Chemistry, modes of action, product development and regulation of pesticides. Environmental and social aspects of pesticide use.

478 Integrated Pest Management (W)
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Entomology and Forestry. Administered by Entomology. P: (ENT 404 or ENT 470 or PLP 405) and completion of Tier I writing requirement.

Theory, philosophy and application of pest management focusing on agricultural and natural systems.

486 Biotechnology in Agriculture: Applications and Ethical Issues
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry and Philosophy. Administered by Horticulture. P: BS 161 or PLB 105 R.B. CSS 350 or ZOL 341 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores.

Current and future roles of biotechnology in agriculture: scientific basis, applications, environmental, social, and ethical concerns.

490 Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: HRT 203 and HRT 204 R: Approval of department; application required.

Independent study of horticulture on a field, laboratory, or library research program of special interest to the student.

491 Selected Topics in Horticulture
Fall, Spring. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: HRT 203 and HRT 204 R: Not open to freshmen or sophomores. Selected topics in horticulture of current interest and importance.

492 Undergraduate Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 3 credits in all enrollments for this course. P: HRT 203 and HRT 204 R: Approval of department; application required.

Mentored field or laboratory research experience.

493 Professional Internship in Horticulture
Fall, Spring, Summer. 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for any or all of these courses: ABM 493, ANR 493, ANS 493, CMP 493, CSS 493, CSUS 493, EEP 493, FIM 493, FSC 493, FW 493, HRT 493, PKG 493, and PLP 493. P: HRT 203 and HRT 204 R: Open to seniors. Approval of department; application required.

Professional career-related work experience supervised by a professional horticulturist.

812 Laboratory Research Techniques
Fall. 2(1-3) R: Open to graduate students in the Department of Horticulture. Demonstration and experience using various research techniques.

816 Environmental Design Theory
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Community Sustainability and Interior Design and Landscape Architecture. Administered by Landscape Architecture. R.B. Undergraduate design degree recommended.

Differences between normative theories, scientific theories, models, and constructs. Exploration of normative theories related to thesis or practicum.

817 Environmental Design Studio
Fall, Spring. 3(0-6) Interdepartmental with Landscape Architecture. Administered by Landscape Architecture. Development of a student-selected environmental design project in a collaborative setting.

819 Advanced Plant Breeding
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry. Administered by Horticulture. R.B. STT 422 and ZOL 341.

Genetic expectations resulting from breeding strategies with cross- and self-pollinated crop plants. Germplasm collections, mapping populations, and modifications of reproductive biology useful for crop improvement.

820 Plant Reproductive Biology and Polyploidy
Spring of odd years. 1(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry and Plant Biology and Plant Pathology. Administered by Horticulture. R.B. Introductory Genetics and Plant Biology

Genetic processes underlying variations in plant reproductive biology and polyploidy. Utilization of these characteristics in plant breeding.

821 Crop Evolution
Spring of odd years. 1 credit. Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry and Plant Biology and Plant Pathology. Administered by Horticulture. R.B. Introductory Genetics and Plant Biology

Cultural and biological aspects of the evolution of domestic plants.

822 Historical Geography of Crop Plants
Spring of odd years. 1 credit. Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry and Plant Biology and Plant Pathology. Administered by Horticulture. R.B. Introductory Genetics and Plant Biology

Development and spread of the major crop species.

840 Agroforestry Systems
Fall. 3(2-3) Interdepartmental with Forestry. Administered by Forestry.

Agroforestry systems with a local and global perspective, abbreviate biological and chemical processes in agroforestry ecosystems, effects and potential of agroforestry on forest dependent communities, climate change and ecosystem sustainability. Field trips required.

842 Population Genetics, Genealogy and Genomics
Fall. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Animal Science and Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry and Fisheries and Wildlife and Genetics. Administered by Forestry. R.B. Pre-calculus, basic genetics


853 Plant Mineral Nutrition
Fall of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences. Administered by Horticulture. R.B. PLB 301


863 Environmental Plant Physiology
Spring of odd years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. R.B. PLB 301 or PLB 414 or PLB 415 or PLB 415 SA: BOT 863

Interaction of plant and environment. Photochemistry, thermophysiolog, and plant-water relations.

865 Plant Growth and Development
Fall of even years. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Plant Biology. Administered by Plant Biology. R.B. PLB 415 SA: BOT 865

Genetics and molecular biology of development in higher plants as influenced by genes and environment. Biosynthesis, action and signal transduction of phytohormones and other signalling molecules. Initiation, formation and patterning of plant organs and cell types. Genetic mechanisms underlying developmental diversity.

883 Environmental Design Seminar
Fall, Spring. 3(3-0) Interdepartmental with Human Environment and Design and Landscape Architecture and Community Sustainability. Administered by Horticulture. R.B. Undergraduate design degree required.

Examination of the breadth of environmental design projects. Literature review of focused projects. Development of practicum or thesis proposals.
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890  Independent Study
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 4 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.

Individual study of problems of special interest.

891A  Selected Topics in Horticulture
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 3 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Horticulture. Approval of department.

Horticultural science topics of current interest and importance.

891B  Selected Topics in Plant Breeding and Genetics
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 2 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry. Administered by Horticulture. R: Open only to graduate students in the Plant Breeding and Genetics major or Genetics major. Approval of department.

Selected topics in plant breeding.

892  Plant Breeding and Genetics Seminar
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1(1-0) A student may earn a maximum of 8 credits in all enrollments for this course. Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry. Administered by Horticulture.

Experience in review, organization, oral presentation, and analysis of research.

894  Horticulture Seminar
Fall, Spring. 1(1-0) A student may earn a maximum of 4 credits in all enrollments for this course.

Experience in review, organization, oral presentation and analysis of research.

898  Master's Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 6 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 6 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Approval of department.

Master's degree Plan B project.

899  Master's Thesis Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 10 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 99 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open only to graduate students in the Department of Horticulture.

Master's thesis research.

941  Quantitative Genetics in Plant Breeding
Spring of even years. 3(2-2) Interdepartmental with Crop and Soil Sciences and Forestry. Administered by Crop and Soil Sciences. RB: CSS 819 and STT 464

Theoretical and genetic basis of statistical analysis of quantitative traits using genetic markers. Computational tools for the study of quantitative traits.

999  Doctoral Dissertation Research
Fall, Spring, Summer. 1 to 24 credits. A student may earn a maximum of 36 credits in all enrollments for this course. R: Open to doctoral students in the Department of Horticulture.

Doctoral dissertation research.