

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES & SKILLED TRADES
Agriculture Management & Production Program
Revision Date: August 2022

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Course Number: AGRI 2901
Course Title Cooperative Experience
Prerequisite(s): AGRI 2204 and 24 Credit Hours in AGRI or HORT.

Catalog Description: Instructor supervised on-the-job training to gain experience in an agribusiness occupation. Apply skills and principles learned and acquire additional skills for growth and advancement.

Credit Hours: 5.0
Class Hours: 0
Lab Hours: 300
Total Contact Hours: Total of Class + Lab Hours 300

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES: *Course will:*

1. Give each student the opportunity to plan a supervised work experience in the field of employment which they have pursued educationally.
2. Provide the student with the opportunity to experience the "real world" of employment and its surroundings.
3. Discuss with other students the Cooperative Internship experience, sharing learning activities and situations.
4. Prepare students to become experts in the professional field through agriculture-related experiences in their field of study.
5. Expand knowledge and expertise in an agricultural field.
6. Increase depth of knowledge and expertise in agriculture, related to the students learning goals.
7. Enhance ability to adapt to changes in technology.
8. Enhance the ability to adapt to the agriculture economy.
9. Enhance ability to adapt to societal influences.
10. Further, develop and enhance the ability to communicate with coworkers and supervisors.
11. Develop critical thinking skills.
12. Assess and comprehend societal issues within agriculture.
13. Further, develop and enhance soft skills within agriculture.
14. Develop leadership skills and qualities, to become an outstanding leader and team player within the agriculture industry.
15. Demonstrate professional behavior, appearance, and attitude.
16. Demonstrate punctuality and self-discipline.
17. Accept responsibility for tasks assigned.
18. Develop and enhance networking abilities.
19. Comprehend and appreciate diversity in the workforce.
20. Analyze issues, problems, and situations in the agriculture internship.

21. Learn and understand the operation/company.
22. Provide students the ability to evaluate the training site, employees, and supervisors.
23. Develop opportunities for professional presentations.
24. Allow students to further develop time management skills.

III. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES:

A. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: *Students will be able to:*

1. Document a minimum of 300 hours of work experience.
2. Properly evaluate fellow employees, supervisors, and employers.
3. Develop a professional presentation of your Cooperative Internship Experience.
4. Learn, and describe the inner workings of the operation/company.
5. Identify work-related challenges or issues that occur in the workplace.
6. Learn and experience diversity in the workforce.
7. Develop networking skills utilized within your internship.
8. Accept and carry out assigned duties.
9. Have accountable and be punctual in your Cooperative.
10. Display professional behavior, attitude, and dress attire towards the companies' requirements.
11. Develop leadership qualities and become a team player within the Cooperative site.
12. Identify and further develop soft skills within the company.
13. Understand agriculture-related issues and problem solve.
14. Utilize critical thinking in various areas of your Cooperative Experience.
15. Further develop communication skills with the supervisor and employees.
16. Identify agriculture needs in society, as well as in the Community.
17. Analyze and create an understanding of the agricultural economics during the Cooperative.
18. Utilize technologies available at the Cooperative site.
19. Create a list of objectives/learning goals you wish to achieve while at the Cooperative site.
20. Enhance current skills gained through experience here at Southeast Community College.
21. Manage personal finances.
22. Make impactful decisions in regard to housing and site location.
23. Participate in an 8 week, 300 hours (minimum) Cooperative Experience, of the student's choice within the Agriculture Industry.

B. GENERAL EDUCATION LEARNING OUTCOMES

GELO #6: Career and Life Skills

At the heart of the SCC Core is a philosophy that our graduates will leave SCC with both a well-rounded, broad-based education and a set of skills that will set them up for success and fulfillment in their personal and professional lives.

Outcomes:

- 1) Employ effective interpersonal and intrapersonal communication skills.
- 2) Acquire entrepreneurial skills and attitudes.
- 3) Demonstrate financial literacy.
- 4) Use digital technology effectively to access, manage, integrate, evaluate, and present information.
- 5) Develop knowledge and habits that will foster physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual, and environmental wellness.
- 6) Develop skills that will support positive and fulfilling relationships with others.

- 7) Demonstrate choices that reflect personal responsibility in one's academic, civic, social, and vocational/professional life.

IV. CONTENT/TOPICAL OUTLINE (*course outline may provide more detailed information*)

- A. Following training plans as developed
- B. Complete the minimum hours of supervised work experience (300).
- C. Complete the three employer evaluations (3 week, 6 week , and end of term).
- D. Keep records of activities, hours, and pay.
- E. Complete end of the term requirements.

V. INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- A. **Required Text(s):** None required
- B. **Other Resources:**
Handouts, work evaluations as provided

VI. METHODS OF PRESENTATION/INSTRUCTION

Methods of presentation typically include a combination of the following:

- A. Discussion
- B. Handouts
- C. Worksite visits and /or technical communication.

VII. METHODS OF EVALUATION

Methods of evaluation typically include a combination of the following:

- A. Completion of a minimum of 300 work hours.
- B. Completion of employer evaluations.
- C. Fulfillment of all written and oral pre-employment, employment, and post-employment contracts.

SCC STANDARD GRADING SCALE POLICY:

A+ 95-100	C+ 75-79
A 90-94	C 70-74
B+ 85-89	D+ 65-69
B 80-84	D 60-64
	F Below 60

VIII. SPECIFIC COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Prerequisite AGRI 2204 or instructor permission.
- B. End of term assignments and meeting.