

Agricultural and Environmental Systems

Career Field Pathways and Course Structure

Courses in Animal Science & Management (A2)

PATHWAY COURSES	SUBJECT CODE
Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources ¹	010105
Animal Nutrition, Health and Reproduction	010915
Animal Science and Technology ²	010910
Equine Science and Management	010935
Livestock Science	010920
Small Animal Science	010925
Veterinary Science	010930
Wildlife and Fisheries	010745
Zoo and Aquarium	010940
ELECTIVES	SUBJECT CODE
Animal and Plant Biotechnology ²	012010
Business Management for Agricultural and Environmental Systems	010115
Agricultural and Environmental Systems Capstone ³	010190
Communications and Leadership	010110
Structural Engineering	010120

¹First course in the Career Field; ²First course in the Pathway; ³Does not count as one of the required four courses

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Subject Code: 010105

This is the first course in the Agricultural and Environmental Systems career field. It introduces students to the pathways that are offered in the Agricultural and Environmental Systems career field. As such, learners will obtain fundamental knowledge and skills in food science, natural resource management, animal science & management, plant & horticultural science, power technology and biotechnology. Students will be introduced to the FFA organization and begin development of their leadership ability.

Animal Nutrition, Health and Reproduction

Subject Code: 010915

Learners will apply principles of nutritional management for various classes of animals. Learners will analyze nutritional content/quality of feeds; formulate rations; develop feeding recommendations; identify deficiency symptoms and implement corrective methods as needed. Care/management plans are developed that reflect the classification of animals and follows best practices and legal compliance. Learners will monitor/evaluate the quality of animal habitats and estimate carrying capacity as it relates to the impact of the environment and animal health.

Animal Science and Technology

Subject Code: 010910

Learners will develop business leadership, problem-solving and communication skills in relation to the science and technology of animals. Students will learn responsible animal management principles and routine husbandry practices in relation to animal welfare and behavior. Learners will identify and describe the anatomy and physiology of monogastric and ruminant organisms as it applies to nutrition, reproduction, and animal health. Learners will investigate animal genetics and how it impacts principles of animal improvement, selection and marketing.

Equine Science and Management

Subject Code: 010935

Learners are introduced to responsible equine management principals and routine husbandry practices in relation to equine behavior methodology and legal compliance. Learners will apply knowledge of health and nutrition when designing preventative health care plans, breeding plans, and feed management programs. Safe handling, grooming, training, equipment selection/maintenance/use and emergency care techniques are developed and applied. Learners will evaluate responsible stewardship practices and develop production management strategies that emphasize the industries goals through good reproductive decision-making.

Livestock Science

Subject Code: 010920

Learners will apply principles of nutrition, health and reproduction to the management of animals, poultry and fish in production agriculture. Learners will demonstrate understanding of anatomy and physiology and apply genetic principles for improvement. Learners will apply knowledge of animal behavior, welfare, and husbandry principles. Learners will evaluate body/carcass composition and apply marketing principles to the sale and distribution of livestock products. Learners will employ communication, business, and management strategies appropriate for the industry.

Small Animal Science

Subject Code: 010925

Learners apply principles of nutrition, health and reproduction to the management of animals intended for companionship or research. Through interpretation, problem-solving and diagnostic methods, the learners develop and implement management programs that reflect responsible animal behavior, welfare and husbandry practices. Learners implement principals and practices of nutritional management, responsible breeding and disease management. Safe handling, grooming and training skills are developed and applied. Learners identify business management procedures and understand the importance of business regulations.

Veterinary Science

Subject Code: 010930

Learners will develop knowledge of veterinary pharmacology, radiology and imaging techniques, principles of surgery, safe laboratory skills, and the concepts of ethics and professionalism in the work place. Learners will develop skills in inquiry and statistical methods. Learners will describe causes, symptoms, and treatment of common diseases with special emphasis on developing preventative health management plans and breeding programs. Learners will utilize principles of technology to manage information systems, and research issues affecting the industry.

Wildlife and Fisheries

Subject Code: 010745

Learners will apply the principles and practices of resource conservation and management to fish and wildlife populations. Students learn to properly handle wild animals, principles of wildlife nutrition, inventory practices, water quality parameters and testing, and natural and artificial propagation. Learners will apply principles of facility design and layout for managing fish populations. Learners will research and evaluate the impacts of various land practices, legislation, and human activities on habitats and populations.

Zoo and Aquarium

Subject Code: 010940

In this course, learners will identify and apply responsible animal science principals and routine husbandry practices to captive animal populations. Learners will apply knowledge of animal behavior, welfare, and husbandry principals to enhance exhibit design, animal enrichment and training plans, and educational and visitor engagement programs. Emphasis will be given to data collection and research techniques. Principles of responsible population control, disease risk and management, and problem-solving/action planning techniques will be examined.

Animal and Plant Biotechnology

Subject Code: 012010

Learners will apply principles of chemistry, microbiology and genetics to plant and animal research and product development. They will describe the importance of biotechnology in society, and analyze the issues that have affected agricultural biotechnology. Students will apply genetic principals to determine genotypes and phenotypes. Students will describe the parts and functions of animal and plant cells and their importance in biochemistry.

Business Management for Agricultural and Environmental Systems

Subject Code: 010115

Learners will examine elements of business, identify organizational structures and identify and apply management skills. Learners will develop business plans, financial reports and strategic goals for new ventures or existing businesses. Learners will use marketing concepts to evaluate the marketing environment and develop a marketing plan with marketing channels, product approaches, promotion and pricing strategies. Learners will practice customer sales techniques and apply concepts of ethics and professionalism while understanding related business regulations.

Agricultural and Environmental Systems Capstone

Subject Code: 010190

The capstone course is an opportunity for students to solve problems and demonstrate that they have achieved the requisite knowledge and skills in their chosen Agricultural and Environmental Systems career field pathway. The course is designed to assess cognitive, affective and psychomotor learning and to do so in a student-centered and student-directed manner. The capstone requires the application of learning to a project that serves as an instrument of evaluation.

Communications and Leadership

Subject Code: 010110

Students will analyze attributes and capabilities of those in leadership positions and develop their communication and leadership skills in authentic situations. The course prepares students to apply journalistic, communication and broadcasting principles to the development, production, and transmittal of agricultural and environmental systems information.

Structural Engineering

Subject Code: 010120

Students will apply principles of engineering and design along with an understanding of the properties and uses of construction materials to buildings and structures used in agriculture, horticulture and natural resources. The course will focus on the study and utilization of wood and lumber, metals, concrete and masonry, pipes and plumbing, and electrical systems. Students will design, plan, build and calculate costs-benefits analysis for construction projects while abiding by all building code and safety regulations.