

# Forage and Pasture Management AGCR 1341

Course Syllabus: Fall 2024

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*The information contained in this syllabus is subject to change without notice. Students are expected to be aware of any additional course policies presented by the instructor during the course.*

**Catalog Course Description:**

Study of the production and management of forage crops and pastures including establishment, fertilization, weed control, grazing systems, rotational grazing, hay, seed production and harvesting.

**Textbook:** No textbook required. Study material will be provided by instructor in class and/or on Blackboard.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Develop techniques and management practices to optimize pasture and forage production.
2. Evaluate forage nutritive quality in relation to livestock production goals.
3. Identify weed species and biological, chemical and physical control methods.
4. Identify common forage and pasture plants.

**Lectures & Discussions:** This course will be a combination of reading and reviewing information on blackboard and lecture/lab during class time. The lab portions of the course will be conducted as assigned on the eagle ranch and the sustainable market garden and farm areas in the areas consistent with course requirements.

**Evaluation/Grading Policy:** Grades will be computed as follows:

(3) Exams:	60%
(1) Research Proposals:	20%
Class/Lab/blackboard Participation:	20%

**Tests/Exams:** There will be 3 exams accounting for 60% of your overall grade. Exams will be multiple-choice, short answer, and essays developed from the lecture materials provided.

**Project:** Students will be required to develop a proposal presentation during the semester which will account for 40% of the final grade. Students will be provided topics, instructions, and assigned presentation times by the instructor with various deadlines throughout the semester. Final projects will be due the last two weeks of the semester.

**Other Course Requirements:** Students are required to dress appropriately for lab; this includes closed-toed shoes, safety glasses (when required), and appropriate dress for working outdoors.

**Student Responsibilities/Expectations:** Students are required to participate in both classroom and lab activities. Participation is 20% of the final grade and attendance is required to participate. Students are expected to be on time and ready to begin when classes start. Students may only be excused from class if it is an NTCC policy excused absence. Students will be required to log on to Blackboard and complete the assignments there for a portion of their participation grade.

**NTCC Academic Honesty Statement:** "Students are expected to complete course work in an honest manner, using their intellects and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty policy stated in the Student Handbook."

**Academic Ethics:** The College expects all students to engage in academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuit. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, or collusion is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action. Refer to the student handbook for more information on this subject.

**ADA Statement:** It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to arrange an appointment with a College counselor to obtain a Request for Accommodations form. For more information, please refer to the NTCC Catalog or Student Handbook.

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA):** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.