



AGRI 1329 001 – Principles of Food Science

Course Syllabus: Fall 2026

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Monday	7:30 AM – 8:AM
Tuesday	None
Wednesday	None
Thursday	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
Friday	None

This syllabus serves as the documentation for all course policies and requirements, assignments, and instructor/student responsibilities.

Information relative to the delivery of the content contained in this syllabus is subject to change. Should that happen, the student will be notified.

Course Description:

Biological and scientific aspects of modern industrial food supply systems. Food classification, modern processing, and quality control.

Prerequisite(s): None

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Identify the principles of food science related to food production, quality,safety, nutrition, and distribution.
2. Describe common and emerging technologies in food science.
3. Explain how engineering, microbiology, and chemistry are applied in foodproduction and processing systems.
4. Describe food safety procedures in U.S. production systems.
5. Demonstrate appropriate food handling/food safety procedures.
6. Explain nutrient composition and the link between nutrition and health.
7. Examine the dynamics of global food supply.

Evaluation/Grading Policy:

The breakdown of the course requirements is as follows:

%	Requirement
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40%	Comprehensive Exam
15%	Assignments
30%	Group Project
15%	Attendance

Semester grades will be earned as follows

Percentage	Letter Grade
90% and above	A
80 %–89%	B
70 %–79%	C
60%–69 %	D
59.9% and below	F

Using the Normal Style text insert full detailed grading policies

Required Instructional Materials:

None

Publisher:

ISBN Number:

Optional Instructional Materials:

Principles of Food Science, 4th Edition, Janet D. Ward and Larry Ward, G-W Publishers.

Minimum Technology Requirements:

Computer with internet access

Required Computer Literacy Skills:

Students need a basic understanding of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and at least one internet search engine.

Course Structure and Overview:

This is a 16-week course where students are required to access activities on the Blackboard Learning Management System. A typical class involves instructors' guidance through assigned course materials and general participation by all members in discussions and assignments. Students are required to complete all homework, discussions, assignments on time. It is very important that students keep up with course materials and assignments since this is a very fast-paced course. Students are expected to watch instructional videos, read the course materials provided, and complete assignments located in the Learning Management System, Blackboard by due dates. There will be three exams throughout the course, however only 2 will count, toward your final grade. I will drop the lowest test score.

Communications:

The primary form of communication will be through NTCC e-mail or my posted office hours.

Institutional/Course Policy:

Class attendance is extremely important as this class only meets once a week. Because of this participation is 15% of your final grade. If you cannot attend class for any reason students should e-mail me to avoid an unexcused absence.

Alternate Operations During Campus Closure and/or Alternate Course Delivery Requirements:

In the event of an emergency or announced campus closure due to a natural disaster or pandemic, it may be necessary for Northeast Texas Community College to move to altered operations. During this time, Northeast Texas Community College may opt to continue delivery of instruction through methods that include, but are not limited to, online through the Blackboard Learning Management System, online conferencing, email messaging, and/or an alternate schedule. It is the responsibility of the student to monitor NTCC's website (<http://www.ntcc.edu/>) for instructions about continuing courses remotely, Blackboard for each class for course-specific communication, and NTCC email for important general information.

Additionally, there may be instances where a course may not be able to be continued in the same delivery format as it originates (face-to-face, fully online, live remote, or hybrid). Should this be the case, every effort will be made to continue instruction in an alternative delivery format. Students will be informed of any changes of this nature through email messaging and/or the Blackboard course site.

Statement Regarding the Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology:

Employees and students shall be permitted to explore artificial intelligence (AI) and implement its use in and out of the classroom in accordance with policy and administrative regulations. The use of AI shall only be as a support tool to enhance student outcomes or as necessary to engage in research and shall never take the place of faculty, staff, and student decision-making. Any use of AI must comply with law, policy, and administrative regulations relating to student and employee privacy and data security. A student shall only use AI tools with faculty permission and shall be expected to produce original work and properly credit sources, including AI tools used in creating the work.

Example:

APA (7th edition)

OpenAI. (2026). ChatGPT (March 25 version) [Large language model]. <https://chat.openai.com/>

MLA (9th edition)

OpenAI. ChatGPT. 25 Mar. 2026, <https://chat.openai.com/>.

Employees or students who use AI tools to deceptively harm, bully, or harass others shall be disciplined in accordance with policy. [See DH, DIA series, FFD series, FFE, FLB, and the FM series] AI Use by Employees and Students. Northeast Texas Community College 225500 TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES CRB ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (LOCAL) DATE ISSUED: 12/8/2025 1 of 1 UPDATE 50 CRB(LOCAL)-AJC Adopted: 12/16/2025

NTCC Academic Honesty/Ethics Statement:

NTCC upholds the highest standards of academic integrity. The college expects all students to engage in their academic pursuits in an honest manner that is beyond reproach using their intellect and resources designated as allowable by the course instructor. Students are responsible for addressing questions about allowable resources with the course instructor. Academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, and collusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action. This course will follow the NTCC Academic Honesty and Academic Ethics policies stated in the Student Handbook. Refer to the student handbook for more information on these subjects.

ADA Statement:

It is the policy of NTCC to provide reasonable accommodation for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to request accommodation. An appointment can be made with the Academic Advisor/Coordinator of Special Populations located in Student Services and can be reached at 903-434-8264. For more information and to obtain a copy of the Request for Accommodations, please refer to the special populations page on the NTCC website.

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.

Tentative Course Schedule:

Course schedule will be given in class.