

**College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources  
Curriculum Committee  
Summary of Actions**

**April 26, 2013**

Department Title and Number	Type of Action Requested (Underlining Indicates the Proposal Changes)	Approved CASNR	Approved UCC	Approved Graduate Council
AGRO 894 - Graduate Degree Project Credits	<p><b>New Course</b>  <b>894. Graduate Degree Project Credits</b> (HORT 894)(1-6 cr, max 6) Ind. Prereq: Admission to Master of Agronomy or Horticulture degree program. Project activity for the non-thesis option II MS degree. Design, develop and complete a project that requires synthesis of the course topics covered in the primary area of emphasis.</p>	4/26/13		
ALEC136 - Fundamentals of Agricultural and Natural Resources	<p><b>New Course</b>  <b>136. Fundamentals of Agricultural and Natural Resources Communication</b> (3 cr, 3 cr per sem, max 3, II) Lec 3,            Introduction to the study of agricultural journalism and communications. Students will learn strategies and techniques for success in the agricultural journalism major and college courses generally using a systems thinking approach, fundamental concepts of communication information related to science, agriculture and natural resources to internal and external audiences, and complete a job shadowing experience to help prepare them for careers in the field.</p>	4/26/13		
ALEC 385 - Digital Imaging and Storytelling in Agriculture and Natural Resources	<p><b>New Course</b>  <b>385. Digital Imaging and Storytelling in Agriculture and Natural Resources</b> (3 cr, 3-9 cr, 3 cr per sem, max 9) Lab 2, fld 3. Prereq: Consent of instructor(s). One college level course in photography or equivalent, and knowledge of the basics of shooting still photographs or video using digital cameras. <i>Open only to College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) students, and to School of Natural Resources students by consent of instructor(s).</i>            Concepts and techniques related to use of remote and automated digital camera technology to capture images in agriculture and natural resources contexts to communicate a narrative/story. Students will complete an individual course project using a variety of technologies including camera traps, time-lapse camera systems, remote triggered cameras, as well as traditional audio and video and conventional photography.</p>	4/26/13		

<b>ALEC 475 -</b> Communicating Strategic Discussions for Nebraska	<b>New Course</b> <b>475. Communicating Strategic Discussions for Nebraska</b> (3 cr, 3 cr per sem, max 3, II) Lec 3. This course focuses on agricultural and natural resources related challenges faced by the state of Nebraska, as well as national and global food, fuel, and water issues. Students research, write, edit, and produce stories for publication (print and multimedia) in the annual Strategic Discussions for Nebraska magazine. SDN provides information about food production, water, landscapes, people, natural resources and energy using University of Nebraska produced research, faculty expertise and information about unique programs to present solutions to feeding an estimated world population of 9 billion people by the year 2050.	4/26/13		
<b>FORS 485 -</b> Current Issues in Forensic Science	<b>Change of Prerequisites</b> <b>485. Current Issue in Forensic Science</b> (3 cr II) Lec 3. Prereq: <del>Senior standing and completion of FORS core requirements.</del> <u>FORS 401/FORS 401L or FORS 400/FORS 400L.</u> Application and integration of principles to address emerging issues involving forensic science.	4/26/13		
<b>NRES 431/831 -</b> Waterfowl Ecology and Management	<b>New Course</b> <b>431/831. Waterfowl Ecology and Management</b> (3 cr) Lec 3. Prereq: NRES 311. Ecology and identification of North American waterfowl, management of habitats and populations, and current management issues.	4/26/13		
<b>Tabled Item</b>				
<b>NRES 405/805 - Watershed Ecohydrology -New course</b>				
<b>Informational Items</b>				
Approved substitution waivers for Allyn Nissen and Matthew Beede. Denied a substitution waiver request for Elizabeth Starzl Approved ALEC 125 for ACE 8 certification. Approved Agricultural Journalism degree program revision and name change to Public Issues Education on 3/29/13 and sent to APC but pulled from APC 4/10/13 agenda.				

We are furnishing information on recent CASNR Curriculum Committee actions. If you have any questions or concerns, your department head must contact Dean Steve Waller (swaller1@unl.edu) in writing by May 13, 2013. If we have heard no objections, we will assume you approve and the above changes will be forwarded to the appropriate UNL committees (University Curriculum Committee and/or UNL Graduate Council.)

<sup>1</sup>The CASNR Dean's Office has a copy of the supporting material. *All curriculum requests tabled for a minimum of four months during any academic term (without additional information being presented to the CASNR Curriculum Committee) will be automatically withdrawn. (Policy statement approved by CASNR Curriculum Committee 2/13/98.)*



No approval required.

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