Agricultural Operations Management

Not all courses are offered every semester. Refer to the schedule of courses for each term’s specific offerings.

Courses at the University of Florida, with the exception of specific foreign language courses and courses in the online Master of Arts in Mass Communication program, are taught in English.

Courses

AOM 4060 Agri-food Systems Innovation 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Students explore the role of innovation in food systems from a reverse chain perspective. Students will gain knowledge of the food system framework from a multi-level (i.e., individual, organizational, etc.) perspective, identify current, innovative business and technological practices, as well as present and think critically about future trends in food.
Prerequisite: Any AOM course and any ABE course and any PKG course and junior standing or higher.

AOM 4062 Principles of Food Engineering 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
The functional requirements and principles of operation of systems for handling and processing food and agricultural products.
Prerequisite: MAC 1147 and 3 credits of physics.

AOM 4314C Power and Machinery Management 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Functional requirements, operating principles, performance, safety and economic application of agricultural power units and field machines for citrus, vegetable and field crop production.

AOM 4434 Precision Agriculture 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Principles and applications of technologies supporting precision farming and planning for natural resource data management. Global positioning systems (GPS), geographic information systems (GIS), variable rate technologies (VRT), data layering of independent variables, automated guidance, Internet, information access and computer software for management.
Prerequisite: junior standing or higher.

AOM 4444C Electrical Power and Instrumentation for Agricultural Operations Management 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Fundamental concepts of electricity, power, instrumentation, computer control operations and selected transducers. Foundation to aid in management of agricultural processing operations.

AOM 4455 Agricultural Operations and Systems 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Quantitative and managerial techniques for management and planning of technical resources in agriculture. Applications of queuing theory, project scheduling, optimization and expert decision systems.
Prerequisite: MAC 1147 and a computer course.

AOM 4461 Sustainable Agricultural Systems 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Minimizing energy and costs in agricultural and natural resource systems and industries. Students explore ways to enhance sustainable systems by improving efficiency. Topics include agricultural machinery, pumps, motors, fans, refrigeration, lights and construction methods.
Prerequisite: senior standing and PHY 2004 or the equivalent.

AOM 4521 Introduction to Biofuels 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
An overview of biofuel production related to technologies and feedstocks, economics of producing biofuels and impact on the environment and the local economy. Dealing specifically with liquid and gaseous biofuels and bioenergy produced from renewable resources, it provides a summary of the past, present and future production technologies and applications.
Prerequisite: BSC 2010 and PHY 2004 and CHM 2045 or the equivalents.
AOM 4642 Environmental Systems for Agricultural Structures 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Effects of the environment on plant and animal production, processing operations and quality of stored produce. Selection of building materials and sizing of components of environmental systems in agricultural structures to enhance more efficient agricultural production, processing and storage.  
Prerequisite: MAC 1147 and 3 credits of physics.

AOM 4643 Environmental Hydrology: Principles and Issues 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
This is a basic course in environmental hydrology intended for agricultural and natural resource managers. The first half of the course covers scientific principles of the hydrologic cycle while the second half investigates case studies of current water quality and water management issues.

AOM 4900 Supervised Extension Experience in Agricultural Operations Management 0-3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Firsthand, authentic extension experiences in agricultural operations management under the supervision of a faculty member. Projects may involve program planning, development, implementation, and evaluation. (S-U)

AOM 4905 Special Problems in Agricultural Operations Management 1-4 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Selected problems or projects in the student's major field of mechanized study.  
Prerequisite: permission of department chair or advisor.

AOM 4911 Supervised Research in Agricultural Education and Communication 0-3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Firsthand, authentic research in Agricultural Education and Communication under the supervision of a faculty member. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application. (S-U)

AOM 4915 Honors Thesis Research in Agricultural Operations Management 0-3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Independent research in agricultural operations management leading to an honors thesis. Student will be mentored by a faculty member. Projects may involve inquiry, design, investigation, scholarship, discovery or application. (S-U)  
Prerequisite: junior standing, upper division GPA of 3.75 or higher and completed honors thesis proposal on file.

AOM 4932 Special Topics in Agricultural Operations Management 1-4 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Variable topics provide content for the study of mechanized agriculture topics not offered in other courses.  
Prerequisite: instructor permission.

AOM 4933 Professional Practices in Agricultural Operations Management 1 Credit  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Professionalism and interfacing of technical skills. Topics include ethics, continuing education, placement skills and professional development in agricultural operations management.  
Prerequisite: junior standing in agricultural operations management.