AGRICULTURAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING

ABE 5015 Empirical Models of Crop Growth and Yield Response 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Analytical models useful for engineering design and management decisions, including water reuse. Emphasis on analytical functions. Modeling strategy based on patterns of data, functional relationships, connections among various factors, consistency among data sets, and mathematical beauty.
Prerequisite: consent of instructor.

ABE 5038 Recent Developments and Applications in Biosensors 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduction to biosensors, design and performance analysis. Fundamental application of biosensor theory will be demonstrated, including recognition, transduction, signal acquisition, and post processing/data analysis.
Prerequisite: At least senior status in engineering and background in biology including biomolecules.

ABE 5152 Electro-Hydraulic Circuits and Controls 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Engineering analysis, design, and experimentation of electro-hydraulic circuits and systems. Design of hydraulic circuits, fluid power system components, hydraulic actuator analysis, servo and proportional valve performance, and electro-hydraulic control theory and applications.
Prerequisite: EML 3100, EGM 3400, 3520

ABE 5332 Advanced Agricultural Structures 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Design criteria for agricultural structures including steady and unsteady heat transfer analysis, environmental modification, plant and animal physiology, and structural systems analysis.

ABE 5442 Advanced Agricultural Process Engineering 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Engineering principles, processes, and techniques for using biological agents for production of chemicals, food, biofuels, and pharmaceuticals, and waste treatment.

ABE 5643C Biological Systems Modeling 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduction to concepts and methods of process-based modeling of biological systems; physiological, populational, and agricultural applications.

ABE 5646 Biological and Agricultural Systems Simulation 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Basic concepts of systems analysis, modeling, and computer simulation of dynamic biological and agricultural systems. Methods for working with models, including sensitivity analysis, parameter estimation, and model evaluation. Applications of models in agricultural and biological systems.
Prerequisite: MAC 2312, STA 3032 or STA 4322.

ABE 5648 Modeling Coupled Natural-Human Systems 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Approaches to modeling coupled natural-human systems are explored, drawing from both natural and social sciences. Topics include regime shift from dynamical systems and basic concepts from game theory and social-ecological system literature. These are combined in models that operationalize a conceptual framework. Students develop models?with guidance?for final projects.
Prerequisite: basic calculus and college-level probability courses.

ABE 5653 Rheology and Mechanics of Agricultural and Biological Materials 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Relation of biophysical and biochemical structure to rheological and mechanical behavior of biological materials in solid, liquid, and granular form; methods for measuring material properties governing these behaviors.
Prerequisite: MAC 2313, PHY 2048, CHM 2045, or consent of instructor.

ABE 5663 Advanced Applied Microbial Biotechnology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Principles of microbial biotechnology, emphasizing the application of microorganisms for industrial processes (e.g., energy, environmental, food, pharmaceutical, and chemical).
Prerequisite: general biology and organic chemistry, or consent of instructor.

ABE 5707C Agricultural Waste Management 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Engineering analysis and design of systems for the collection, storage, treatment, transport, and utilization of livestock and other agricultural organic wastes and wastewaters. Field trips to operating systems and laboratory evaluation of materials and processes.
Prerequisite: 4 or higher classification.

ABE 5815C Food and Bioprocess Engineering Design 4 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Engineering design of unit process operations employed in agro/food, pharmaceutical, and biological industries including sterilization/pasteurization, radiation, freezing, drying, evaporation, fermentation, distillation.

ABE 5936 Writing Grant Proposals for Scholarships and Fellowships 2 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Provides incoming graduate students in the ABE Department an introduction to acquire scholarships, fellowships, internships, and graduate assistantships from federal funding agencies. Students will be introduced to funding sources and opportunities, provided guidelines for proposal writing, and prepare a mock proposal for instructor and peer review.
Prerequisite: ENC3246 (or equivalent technical writing course) and graduate status in the Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department.

ABE 6005 Applied Control for Automation and Robots 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Introduction to industrial controls, programmable logic controllers, and manipulator application programming in agricultural and biological engineering. Kinematics, dynamics, and control strategies for serial link manipulators in agricultural applications.
Prerequisite: EML 5311.

ABE 6017 Stochastic Modeling in Ecology and Hydrology 3 Credits
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade
Stochastic modeling is introduced through a problem-based approach. Selected papers are studied in depth; derivation of their main results unpacked. Examples include stochastic models of biodiversity, soil moisture, and rainfall. Students pick stochastic models to study for final projects. Students enjoy deeper understanding from unpacking these otherwise seemingly mysterious results.
Prerequisite: MAC 2312 or equivalent.
ABE 6031 Instrumentation in Agricultural Engineering Research 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Principles and application of measuring instruments and devices for obtaining experimental data in agricultural engineering research.

ABE 6035 Advanced Remote Sensing: Science and Sensors 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Develops understanding of remote sensing theory and systems using information obtained from visible/near infrared, thermal infrared, and microwave regions of the EM spectrum.  
Prerequisite: MAP 2302.

ABE 6037C Remote Sensing in Hydrology 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Develops practical understanding of remote sensing applications to hydrology using observations in different regions of the EM spectrum. Seminar style with emphasis on literature review and presentation.  
Prerequisite: ABE 6035.

ABE 6252 Advanced Soil and Water Management Engineering 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Physical and mathematical analysis of problems in infiltration, drainage, and groundwater hydraulics.

ABE 6254 Simulation of Agricultural Watershed Systems 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Characterization and simulation of agricultural watershed systems including land and channel phase hydrologic processes and pollutant transport processes. Investigation of the structure and capabilities of current agricultural watershed computer models.  
Prerequisite: CWR 4111 and working knowledge of FORTRAN.

ABE 6265 Vadose Zone Modeling 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Unsaturated zone modeling of water flow and solute transport processes. Comparative analysis of alternative mechanistic modeling approaches of different complexity.  
Prerequisite: Recommended basic use of high level computer language or numerical computing environment (i.e., Matlab, Mathematica, etc.) that allows the student to test algorithms and read existing modeling source code.

ABE 6266 Nanotechnology in Water Research 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Applications of environmental nanotechnology to water quality control. Fate and transport of nanomaterials in hydrologic pathways.  
Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of hydrology, environmental engineering, and water chemistry.

ABE 6615 Advanced Heat and Mass Transfer in Biological Systems 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Analytical and numerical technique solutions to problems of heat and mass transfer in biological systems. Emphasis on nonhomogeneous, irregularly shaped products with respiration and transpiration.  
Prerequisite: COP 2271, ABE 3612C.

ABE 6644 Agricultural Decision Systems 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Computerized decision systems for agriculture. Expert systems, decision support systems, simulations, and types of applications in agriculture.

ABE 6645C Computer Simulation of Crop Growth and Management Responses 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Teaches the background of computer models for the dynamic simulation of crop growth, development, and yield, and soil and plant water, nutrient, and carbon dynamics, and the application of models to real-world problems. The course is based on a systems analysis approach using DSSAT as a platform.

ABE 6649C Advanced Biological Systems Modeling 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
This course serves as an advanced graduate class for continued biological modeling and covers topics such as: (1) formulating, solving analytical and numerical problems with programming, (2) dynamic biological models; (3) object-oriented design and agent-based modeling, (4) High Performance Computing and Global Sensitivity and Uncertainty Analysis.  
Prerequisite: ABE 5643C.

ABE 6654C Advanced Bio-Based Products from Renewable Resources 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Provides the knowledge for the production of fuels, chemicals and materials from renewable resources. The course includes the fundamental principles and practical applications of bio-based products: biorefinery and biobased products overview, fundamental concepts in understanding biorefinery and biobased products; materials, chemical platforms, and fuels from biomass.  
Prerequisite: CHM2045 or equivalent, or instructor permission.

ABE 6816 Food and Bioprocess Sterilization 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Analysis of available process technologies for sterilization in the food, pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

ABE 6840 Data Diagnostics 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Application of nonlinear time series analysis to detect, characterize, and model deterministic structure in real-world time series data. Topics include signal processing, phase space reconstruction, surrogate data testing, causal network analysis, and phenomenological modeling.  
Prerequisite: Elementary statistics and Differential equations.

ABE 6905 Individual Work in Agricultural and Biological Engineering 1-4 Credits, Max 6 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Special problems in agricultural engineering.

ABE 6910 Supervised Research 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Supervised Research

ABE 6931 Seminar 1 Credit, Max 2 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Preparation and presentation of reports on specialized aspects of research in agricultural engineering and agricultural operations management.

ABE 6933 Special Topics in Agricultural and Biological Engineering 1-4 Credits, Max 6 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Lectures, laboratory, and/or special projects.

ABE 6940 Supervised Teaching 1-5 Credits, Max 5 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Supervised Teaching
ABE 6971 Research for Master’s Thesis 1-15 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Research for Master’s Thesis

ABE 6972 Research for Engineer’s Thesis 1-15 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Research for Engineer’s Thesis

ABE 6974 Nonthesis Project 1-6 Credits, Max 6 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
In-depth project.

ABE 6986 Applied Mathematics in Engineering and Agriculture 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Mathematical methods, including regression analysis, graphical techniques, and analytical and numerical solution of ordinary and partial differential equations, relevant to engineering in agriculture and the related sciences.

ABE 7979 Advanced Research 1-12 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Research for doctoral students before admission to candidacy. Designed for students with a master’s degree in the field of study or for students who have been accepted for a doctoral program. Not appropriate for students who have been admitted to candidacy.

ABE 7980 Research for Doctoral Dissertation 1-15 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Research for Doctoral Dissertation

AGG 5607 Communicating in Academia 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Teaching graduate students about academic writing, specifically focused on research proposals, theses, dissertations, manuscripts, grant proposals, and CVs. Also teaching students about aspects of academic writing that are not normally part of graduate curriculum but are necessary to succeed.

CWR 6536 Stochastic Subsurface Hydrology 3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: Letter Grade  
Stochastic modeling of subsurface flow and transport including geostatistics, time series analysis, Kalman filtering, and physically based stochastic models.  
Prerequisite: senior-level course in probability and statistics, calculus through differential equations, soil physics, and/or subsurface hydrology.

EGN 5949 Practicum/Internship/Cooperative Work Experience 1-6 Credits, Max 6 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Practical cooperative engineering work under approved industrial and faculty supervision.  
Prerequisite: graduate student.

EGN 6913 Engineering Graduate Research 0-3 Credits  
Grading Scheme: S/U  
Course will provide the student with supervised research in a laboratory setting.