



COLLEGE & CAREER

AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Course Guide

What is a course guide?

This is a comprehensive listing of courses available for AFNR programs in school year 2021-2022. All Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) courses are listed here. Search this document for specific courses, pathways, and course types.

What is AFNR?

The AFNR Career Cluster focuses on the essential elements of life—food, water, land, and air. This includes a diverse spectrum of occupations, ranging from farmer, rancher, and veterinarian to geologist, land conservationist, and florist. It also includes non-traditional agricultural occupations like wind energy, solar energy, and oil and gas production. Courses in the AFNR Career Cluster are designed to prepare learners for careers in the planning, production, processing, marketing, distribution, financing, and development of agricultural commodities, services, and natural resources, including food, fiber, wood products, water, minerals, and petroleum.

ISBE recognizes eight unique career pathways within the AFNR. Those are:

- Agribusiness Systems (ABS)
- Animal Systems (AS)
- Biotechnology Systems (BS)
- Environmental Service Systems (ESS)
- Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS)
- Natural Resource Systems (NRS)
- Plant Systems (PS)
- Power, Structural and Technical Systems (PSTS)

What is listed for each course?

Each approved course has a designated page which includes the following information: key course details, an explanation of the AFNR instructional model, the respective pathway alignment, and a comprehensive course description. The course title and code are also shown in the upper right of each page.

How can I use this course guide?

This document is intended to be a resource for administrators, teachers, and community stakeholders alike. It may be used as a way to review course offerings, advertise new opportunities to students and parents, and may even serve as a basis for developing a local syllabus or course outline. Find a table of courses on the following page. Click each course title to navigate the document.

COURSE TITLE	COURSE NUMBER	PATHWAY	GRADE LEVEL	COURSE TYPE
Advanced Agricultural Engine Maintenance	18405A002	PSTS	Grade 12	Advanced
Advanced Agricultural Welding	18404A002	PSTS	Grade 12	Advanced
Advanced Biological Science Applications in Agriculture (BSAA) - Animals	03064A002	AS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Advanced Biological Science Applications in Agriculture (BSAA) - Plants	03064A003	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Advanced Biological Science Applications in Agriculture	03064A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Advanced Agricultural Mechanics	18402A001	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agribusiness Systems Independent Study	18247A001	ABS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Agribusiness Systems Workplace Experience	18248A001	ABS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE)	18308A002	BS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Biotechnology	18308A001	BS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Business Management	18201A001	ABS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Communications	18203A002	AFNR	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Construction	18403A001	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Economics	18204A001	ABS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Electrical Systems	18405A003	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Engine Maintenance	18405A001	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Engineering	18405A002	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Entrepreneurship	18202A002	ABS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Government	18307A001	ABS	Grade 12	Advanced
Agricultural Leadership	18203A003	AFNR	Grade 12	Advanced
Agricultural Machinery Service	18449A001	PSTS	Grade 12	Advanced
Agricultural Metal Fabrication	18401A002	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Sales and Marketing	18202A001	ABS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Welding	18404A001	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Agricultural Commodity Marketing	12168A001	ABS	Grade 12	Advanced
Agriculture Computers and Technology	18205A001	AFNR	Grade 12	Advanced
Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Workplace Experience	18998A003	AFNR	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Agronomy	18051A003	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Alternative Energy	18506A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Animal Genetics	18108A001	AS	Grade 12	Advanced
Animal Nutrition	18107A001	AS	Grade 12	Advanced
Animal Processing	18304A001	FPPS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Animal Science	18101A002	AS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Animal Systems Independent Study	18147A001	AS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Animal Systems Workplace Experience	18148A001	AS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Aquacultural Science and Technology	18306A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Basic Agricultural Business	18201A002	ABS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Agricultural Mechanics	18401A001	PSTS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Agricultural Science	18003A001	AFNR	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Animal Science	18101A003	AS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Biological Science Applications in Agriculture - Animals	18101A001	AS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Biological Science Applications in Agriculture - Plants	18051A002	PS	Grades 9-11	Introductory

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Basic Biotechnology	18308A003	BS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Environmental Science	18504A004	ESS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Food Processing	18302A001	FPPS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Horticultural Science	18052A001	PS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Basic Natural Resource Management	18504A003	NRS	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Biotechnical Engineering	21014A001	BS	Grade 12	Advanced
Biotechnology Systems Independent Study	18997A001	BS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Biotechnology Systems Workplace Experience	18998A003	BS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Career Exploration	22151A001	AFNR	Grades 5-8	Orientation
Community Food Production	18309A002	MULTI	Grades 10-12	Skills
Environmental Science	18504A001	ESS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Environmental Service Systems Independent Study	18997A002	ESS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Environmental Service Systems Workplace Experience	18998A004	ESS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Equine Science	18104A001	AS	Grade 12	Advanced
Exploratory Agricultural Science	68003A001	AFNR	Grades 5-8	Orientation
Floral Design	18056A001	PS	Grade 12	Advanced
Food Products and Processing Systems Independent Study	18347A001	FPPS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Food Products and Processing Systems Workplace Experience	18348A001	FPPS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Food Science	18305A001	FPPS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Forestry	18502A001	NRS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Foundational Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)	18999A001	AFNR	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Geospatial Technology	21058A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Global Agriculture	18204A002	AFNR	Grades 10-12	Skills
Greenhouse Production	18053A001	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Horticultural Production & Management	18051A001	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Hunter Safety	18505A001	NRS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Integrated Pest Management	18109A001	BS	Grade 12	Advanced
Introduction to the Agricultural Industry	18001A001	AFNR	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Landscape Management	18054A002	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Landscaping & Turf Management	18054A001	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Large Animal Care	18103A001	AS	Grade 12	Advanced
Natural Resource Systems Workplace Experience	18548A001	NRS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Natural Resources Conservation Management	18504A002	NRS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Natural Resources Systems Independent Study	18547A001	NRS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Physical Science Applications in Agriculture I	18449A002	MULTI	Grades 9-11	Introductory
Physical Science Applications in Agriculture II	18449A003	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Plant Processing	18303A001	FPPS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Plant Systems Independent Study	18097A001	PS	Grade 12	Independent Study
Plant Systems Workplace Experience	18098A001	PS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Power, Structural and Technical Systems Workplace Experience	18448A001	PSTS	Grades 10-12	Workplace Experience
Power, Structural, and Technical Systems Independent Study	18447A001	PSTS	Grade 12	Independent Study

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Precision Agriculture	18405A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Service and Support Animal Training	18106A001	AS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Small Animal Care	18102A001	AS	Grade 12	Advanced
Soil Science	18055A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Specialty Crop Production	18056A001	PS	Grade 12	Advanced
Sustainable Agriculture	18310A001	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Technology, Society and Sustainability	21054A004	MULTI	Grade 12	Advanced
Turfgrass and Sports Field Management	18054A003	PS	Grade 12	Advanced
Urban Agriculture	18309A001	PS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Urban Forestry	18505A002	NRS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Veterinary Science	18105A001	AS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Viticulture	18311A001	PS	Grade 12	Advanced
Water Treatment	18406A001	ESS	Grades 10-12	Skills
Wildlife Management	18501A001	NRS	Grades 10-12	Skills

Advanced Agricultural Engine Maintenance

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources, precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding, and project planning for agricultural structures. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of power, structural, and technical systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses provide students with knowledge and skills to inspect diagnose, maintain, over the road truck and tractor systems. Specific course topics may include principles underlying diesel engines or multi cylinder gas engines, analyzing electrical circuits and systems, reading and interpreting service manuals, and identifying the principles and components of fuel injection systems; repair and replacement of water pumps, generators, governors, auxiliary and accompanying power units and controls; transmissions, drive lines, and drive axles; brakes, tires, and wheels; steering and suspension systems; electrical and lighting systems; hydraulics and pneumatics; safety codes and regulations; and general shop skills. This class begins with vehicle familiarity, inspection expectations of drivers; inspection, diagnosis and repair for the technician. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Advanced Agricultural Welding

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural, and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Advanced Agricultural Welding focuses on the development of advanced welding and metal fabrication techniques utilized within the agricultural industry. Topics of instruction may include welding safety, technical drawings & blueprint reading, welding symbols, welding discontinuities and failures, destructive testing, nondestructive examination, equipment setup, metal preparation, pipe welding, cutting processes, oxy-fuel cutting/welding, shielded metal arc welding, gas metal arc welding, flux cored arc welding, and gas tungsten arc welding processes. Suggested welding positions are flat, horizontal, vertical down, and vertical up. Electrodes taught and used may include E6010, E6011 and E7018. This course should be aligned with an industry-recognized credential. Upon successful completion, it is suggested students receive an industry certification or dual-credit through a local accredited institution. Improving workplace skills will be a focus in this course. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Advanced Biological Science Applications in Agriculture (BSAA) - Animals

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students' understanding of biology by associating advanced scientific principles and concepts with relevant applications in agricultural animal systems. Students will examine major phases of animal agriculture and specific biological science concepts that govern management decisions in the animal industry. Topics of study are in the areas of growth and development of animals – embryology, ethology, nutrition, immunity systems, and processing animal products preservation, fermentation, and pasteurization. The course will be valuable preparation for post-secondary education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agricultural animal systems by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Advanced Biological Science Applications in Agriculture (BSAA) - Plants

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students' understanding of biology by associating advanced scientific principles and concepts with relevant applications in agricultural plant systems. Students will examine major phases of plant growth and management in agriculture and the specific biological science concepts that govern management decisions. Topics of study are in the areas of initiating plant growth – germination, plant sensory mechanisms, enzyme action, absorption, and managing plant growth – photosynthesis, respiration, translocation, metabolism, and growth regulation. The course will be valuable preparation for post-secondary education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agricultural plant systems by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Advanced Biological Science Applications in Agriculture (BSAA)

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Animal Systems (AS) and Plant Systems (PS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced courses in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Advanced BSAA courses are designed to provide information regarding the fundamental concepts of life and life processes as related to the local environment. Course topics may include nature appreciation, local flora and fauna, biology, and zoology. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Advanced Agricultural Mechanics

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources, precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding, and project planning for agricultural structures. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of power, structural, and technical systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course will concentrate on expanding student's knowledge and experiences with agricultural mechanics technologies utilized in the agricultural industry. Units of instruction included are: design, construction, fabrication, maintenance, welding, electricity/electronics, internal combustion engines, hydraulics, and employability skills. Careers of agricultural construction engineer, electrician, plumber, welder, equipment designer, parts manager, safety inspector, welder, and other related occupations will be examined. Improving workplace and computer skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agribusiness Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Agribusiness Systems (ABS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agribusinesses and their management, including, but not limited to, record keeping, budget management (cash and credit), business planning, and sales and marketing. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the planning, development, application, and management of agribusiness systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses in Agribusiness Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest related to agribusiness. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agribusiness Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Agribusiness Systems (ABS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agribusinesses and their management, including, but not limited to, record keeping, budget management (cash and credit), business planning, and sales and marketing. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the planning, development, application, and management of agribusiness systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Agribusiness Workplace Experience courses provide work experience in fields related to agribusiness. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE)

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Biotechnology Systems (BS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of using data and scientific techniques to solve problems concerning living organisms with an emphasis on applications to agriculture, food, and natural resource systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of biotechnology in the context of AFNR.

Course Description

Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) courses enable students to develop and expand their knowledge and skills in biology, physics, technology, and mathematics. Course content may vary widely, drawing upon diverse fields such as biomedical engineering, biomolecular genetics, bioprocess engineering, agricultural biology, or environmental engineering. Students may engage in problems related to biomechanics, cardiovascular engineering, genetic engineering, agricultural biotechnology, tissue engineering, biomedical devices, human interfaces, bioprocesses, forensics, and bioethics. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Biotechnology

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Biotechnology Systems (BS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of using data and scientific techniques to solve problems concerning living organisms with an emphasis on applications to agriculture, food, and natural resource systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of biotechnology in the context of AFNR.

Course Description

This course examines the agricultural applications of biotechnology, the use of living organisms to solve problems or make useful products. Applications include technologies used in bioprocessing, cell/tissue culture, genetic and protein engineering. Specific units of instruction include: impacts of biotechnology, genetics, and biotechnology in plant, animal, and microbial science. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts



Agricultural Business Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Agribusiness Systems (ABS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agribusinesses and their management, including, but not limited to, record keeping, budget management (cash and credit), business planning, and sales and marketing. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the planning, development, application, and management of agribusiness systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course will provide students with the basic knowledge and skills necessary to manage personal finances and develop into a successful entrepreneur and/or businessperson. Instructional units include; business ownership types, starting an agribusiness, managing and operating an agribusiness, financing an agribusiness, managing personal finances, record keeping and financial management of an agribusiness, local, state, and federal taxes, agricultural law, and developing employability skills. Student skills will be enhanced in math, reading comprehension, and writing through agribusiness applications. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration, and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Communications

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

Students will analyze current agricultural issues and determine how they affect people on all sides of the issue. The students then learn and enhance their written and oral communication skills by presenting their views and opinions to the class. Students learn how to arrange and present debates, speeches, and interviews to be effective leaders in today's society. This course can also be designed to provide students with the knowledge and leadership experiences to help them to become successful in life and in the workplace. Students will further enhance their potential for leadership development, personal growth, and career success. Topics may include workplace skills, effective communication, decision-making, problem-solving, leadership styles and qualities, and successful execution of teamwork or collaborative activities. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Construction

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources, precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding, and project planning for agricultural structures. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of power, structural, and technical systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This advanced course focuses on the knowledge, hands-on skills, and work place skills applicable to construction in the agricultural industry. Major units of instruction include: personal safety, hand tools, power tools, blue print reading, surveying, construction skills in carpentry, plumbing, electricity, concrete, block laying, drywall and painting. Careers such as agricultural engineers, carpenter, plumber, electrician, concrete and block layers, finishers, safety specialists, and other related occupations will be examined. Improving workplace and computer skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Economics

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge of basic economic principles of micro and macroeconomics, international economics, comparative economic systems, measurement, and methods. Through the course, the students will understand and apply basic economic principles as they relate to individual consumers, production agriculture, and agri-business management. The students will develop an Agricultural project and keep accurate agriculture records of expenses, receipts, and profit/losses. This course will satisfy the Economics requirement for graduation. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Electrical Systems

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course provides a survey of the theory, terminology, equipment, and practical experience related to electrical applications in agricultural settings. This course typically includes the study of electrical safety, the National Electrical Code, AC and DC circuits, electrical wiring, electric motors and controls, and may cover such skills as those involved in diagramming and building circuits; wiring buildings; installing lighting fixtures, switches, and outlets; and estimating job costs. In this course, safety is stressed, and a career exploration component may be offered. Maintenance and repair skills are often included as course topics. Improving workplace skills will be a focus in this course. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Engine Maintenance

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course provides students with the opportunity to learn how to operate, service, and recondition agricultural power units, emphasizing two- and four-cycle small gasoline engines. This class will provide students with opportunities to troubleshoot and repair speed controls, lubrication, ignition, fuel, power transfer, cooling, exhaust, and starting systems; use hand, power, and overhaul tools; and read and interpret service manuals and parts' catalogs. Additional units of instruction may include power transmission, electrical, and hydraulic/pneumatic systems. Applications may include lawn mowers, tractors, tillers, power tools, and so on. Improving workplace skills will be a focus in this course. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Engineering

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Throughout the course, students apply technical and engineering skills while becoming competent in the processes used to operate, repair, engineer, and design agricultural structures, engines, and equipment. Students practice technical skills including reading prints, troubleshooting machines, documenting an engine teardown and assembly, reading schematics, building simple machines, using hydraulics, researching machine replacement parts, and calculating production efficiencies. The engineering portion of the course includes prototype development, computer aided design (CAD), 3D printing, documentation of machine processes, machine automation and programming, testing designs for structural integrity, and calculating machine speed and power. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Entrepreneurship

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Agricultural entrepreneurship courses acquaint students with the knowledge and skills necessary to own and operate their own businesses in the agriculture, food and natural resources industry. Topics from several fields typically form the course content: economics, marketing principles, human relations and psychology, business and labor law, legal rights and responsibilities of ownership, business and financial planning, finance and accounting, and communication. Several topics surveyed in agribusiness systems courses may also be included. Participation in FFA student organization activities is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Government

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

The Agricultural Government course will study the US agriculture industry and the large role it has and will continue to play in our country's past, present and future. Students will receive an overview of the U.S. Government and its structure and functions. Students will explore the politics around policies that relate to agriculture at home and abroad. They will examine how political parties and interest groups impact decisions made about agriculture and its markets. This course will focus on people's impacts on the democratic process. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Leadership

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

Agricultural Leadership courses help students develop leadership skills with a focus on opportunities in the food, fiber, and natural resources industries. Topics may include but are not limited to human relationships and effective communication, decision-making and problem-solving, leadership qualities and styles, and ensuring successful completion of group activities. Students will learn to lead groups and teams, manage volunteers, exercise leadership ethics, and be able to demonstrate leadership in multicultural settings. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Machinery Service

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This comprehensive machinery service course concentrates on the following areas: using service manuals, electrical applications for agricultural equipment, fundamentals of multi-cylinder engines, reconditioning and repairing agricultural equipment, assembling and adjusting agricultural equipment, organization and management of agricultural machinery dealerships, human relations, and sales techniques. Careers such as agricultural equipment salesperson, mechanic, parts manager, sales manager, service technician, and other related occupations will be examined. Improving workplace and computer skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Metal Fabrication

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course will emphasize the development of metalworking skills necessary to succeed in careers in the agricultural metal fabrication industry. Course will cover both cold- and hot-metal working techniques. Topics of instruction may include: metal identification and properties, metal preparation, use of oxy-acetylene torch, plasma cutting and cutting operations, arc welding, MIG welding, TIG welding, and project design and construction. Improving workplace and computer skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Sales and Marketing

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course is designed to develop student knowledge and skills in agricultural sales and marketing, commodity marketing, agricultural economics, and international agriculture. Instructional units include: successfully starting an agribusiness, developing a marketing plan, pricing, advertising, and selling products and services, communicating with customers, applying commodity trading techniques, basic economic principles, the international agribusiness economy, and agricultural career opportunities. Student skills will be enhanced in math, reading comprehension, communications, and writing through agribusiness applications. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18404A001

Agricultural Welding

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course will emphasize the development of basic welding skills necessary to succeed in the agricultural metal fabrication industry. Topics of instruction include: welding safety, metal identification and properties, joint design and terminology, metal preparation, use of oxy-acetylene torch, Stick Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) focusing on the flat and horizontal position, Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW), project design and construction. Suggested electrodes for this course are E6013 and E6011. Improving workplace and computer skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agricultural Commodity Marketing

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Marketing Commodities courses investigate the meaning and methods of marketing as related to agricultural commodities, products and services, and agricultural goods in domestic and international markets. Topics typically include appropriate market research; benefit/cost analysis of marketing; risk management, futures and options contracts, relationship between cash and futures, hedging strategies, commodity price behavior and methods of targeted agricultural marketing in domestic and international markets. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agriculture Computers and Technology

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

Agriculture Computers and Technology courses help students develop their knowledge and skills in using computer and other technology to operate and manage agricultural businesses. These courses allow students to use computer hardware, software, and the Internet to find information, record and analyze financial and production data, track market trends and economic forecasts, monitor weather, utilize global positioning systems, and prepare communications and reports. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Workplace Experience courses provide work experience in fields related to the Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources cluster. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Agronomy

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for future employment in the agronomy or related industries. Major units of instruction include scientific method, cellular biology, genetics, biotechnology, soil classifications, soil erosion and management, soil fertility, plant classification, plant anatomy and physiology, plant propagation, plant growth, integrated pest management, grain, oil, forage, sugar, and fiber crop production methods, grain quality, grain storage, and grain transportation. Applied science and math skills and concepts will be stressed throughout the course as they relate to each area. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18506A001

Alternative Energy

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Environmental Service Systems (ESS) and Natural Resource Systems (NRS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced study in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Alternative Energy courses help students identify renewable and nonrenewable energy sources and natural resources. Topics typically include alternative energy sources and their respective advantages and disadvantages; the impact of conventional and alternative energy sources on the environment; the efficiency of energy production from various sources; and careers in the fields of alternative energy and sustainability.



ISBE Course Code 18108A001

Animal Genetics

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Animal Genetics courses explore genetic inheritance in agricultural animals and the identification of livestock breeds by the origin, significance, distribution, and domestication of animal species. These courses allow students to compare and contrast the hierarchical classification of the major agricultural animal species and identify breeding system options based on the principles of genetics. These courses also address selecting animals based on quantitative breeding values for specific characteristics. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18107A001

Animal Nutrition

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Animal Nutrition courses provide students with opportunities to study the structure and function of organic and inorganic nutrients. Topics may include the essential nutritive requirements of domestic livestock, poultry, and companion animals; digestion, absorption, metabolism, and barriers for nutrient utilization; sources of nutrients; application of energy systems and concepts; and regulation of feed intake in animals. These courses also teach students how to compare and contrast the nutritional levels for animal maintenance and production. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18304A001

Animal Processing

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Food Products and Processing Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of food safety and sanitation; nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry and human behavior in local and global food systems; food selection and processing for storage, distribution and consumption; and the historical and current development of the food industry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of food products and processing in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Animal Processing courses impart the knowledge and skills needed to bring animal products to market. Although these courses may present an overview of animal care and maintenance, they typically emphasize quality selection, product preservation, equipment care and sanitation, government regulations, and marketing and consumer trends. Animal Processing courses may present an overview of several types of animal products or may specialize in particular products, such as meat, leather, wool, dairy products, and so on. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course will develop students' understanding of the livestock (beef, dairy, sheep, goats, and swine), poultry, and large (equine) animal industry. Topics of instruction include scientific investigations, genetics, animal anatomy and physiology, animal nutrition, animal reproduction, animal health, and meat science. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Animal Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Courses in Animal Systems Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest related to animal systems. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Animal Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Animal Systems Workplace Experience courses provide work experience in fields related to animal systems (management, care, and/or processing). Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Aquacultural Science and Technology

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to the following pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster: Biotechnology Systems (BS), Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS), Natural Resource Systems (NRS), and Plant Systems (PS). Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced study in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

This course is designed to develop student knowledge and skills in the area of aquacultural science and technology. Instructional units include basic studies of aquacultural species; reproduction processes, genetics, nutrition and health in aquacrops; ecological balances; and environmental requirements of aquatic plants and animals. Water quality, chemical and temperature analyses will be conducted for a variety of aquacrops. Individual and group experimentation and student research project(s) are required for satisfactory completion of this course. Careers to be examined include fish hatchery technician, production manager, fish nutritionist, and researcher. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Agricultural Business

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Agribusiness Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Agribusiness Systems (ABS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agribusinesses and their management, including, but not limited to, record keeping, budget management (cash and credit), business planning, and sales and marketing. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the planning, development, application, and management of agribusiness systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course on topics and concepts related to the field of agricultural business. The course introduces business concepts such as record keeping, banking and finance, the role of government/ the USDA in agricultural business, consumerism trends, basics of credit, investment, and management. They usually provide a brief overview of the American Agricultural economic system, cooperatives and corporate organizations. This course may also expose students to a wide variety of agricultural business fields such as sales, marketing, accounting, loan officer and other related careers. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Agricultural Mechanics

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources, precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding, and project planning for agricultural structures. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of power, structural, and technical systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

In this course, theory and hands-on experiences provide opportunities for students to develop basic knowledge and skills in agricultural mechanics. Instructional areas include the basic fundamentals of maintaining and repairing small gasoline engines, basic electricity, welding, construction, cold metal work, and operating agricultural equipment safely. Improving workplace and computer skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Agricultural Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

This course builds on basic skills and knowledge gained in the Introduction to the Agricultural Industry course. Major units of instruction include agricultural research, soil science, advanced plant science, biotechnology, advanced animal science. Applied science and math skills and concepts will be stressed throughout the course as they relate to each area. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18101A003

Basic Animal Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the livestock (beef, dairy, sheep, goats, and swine), poultry, and large (equine) animal industry and provide them with basic animal science knowledge that can be further developed in advanced animal science courses. Major units of instruction include animal science careers, animal anatomy and physiology, animal reproduction, animal nutrition, genetics, animal health, small and large animal care, and meat science. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Biological Science Applications in Agriculture - Animals

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students understanding of science by associating scientific principles and concepts with relevant applications in agriculture. Students will examine major phases of animal agriculture and specific biological science concepts that govern management decisions in the animal industry. Topics of study are in the areas of growth and development of animals – embryology, ethology, nutrition, immunity systems, and processing animal products – preservation, fermentation, and pasteurization. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Biological Science Applications in Agriculture - Plants

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems. The AFNR instructional model provides students with opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and career success. Model instruction in all AFNR courses is delivered via three major components:

- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students' understanding of science by associating basic scientific principles and concepts with relevant applications in agriculture. Students will examine major phases of plant growth and management in agriculture and the specific biological science concepts that govern management decisions. Topics of study are in the areas of initiating plant growth – cell structure and function, germination, plant sensory mechanisms, enzyme action, absorption, and managing plant growth – photosynthesis, respiration, translocation, metabolism, genetics, taxonomy and growth regulation. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18308A003

Basic Biotechnology

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Biotechnology Systems (BS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of using data and scientific techniques to solve problems concerning living organisms with an emphasis on applications to agriculture, food, and natural resource systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of biotechnology in the context of AFNR.

Course Description

This course is designed to give students a comprehensive introduction to the scientific concepts and laboratory research techniques currently used in the field of biotechnology. Students attain knowledge about the field of biotechnology and deeper understanding of the biological concepts used. In addition, students develop the laboratory, critical thinking, and communication skills currently used in the biotechnology industry. Furthermore, students will explore and evaluate career opportunities in the field of biotechnology through extensive readings, laboratory experiments, class discussions, research projects, guest speakers, and workplace visits. The objectives covered in this course are both academic and technical in nature and are presented in a progressively rigorous manner. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Environmental Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Environmental Service Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Environmental Service Systems (ESS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of systems, instruments, and technology used to monitor and minimize the impact of human activity on environmental systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of environmental systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course provides basic scientific knowledge and understanding of how our world works from an environmental perspective. Topics covered include: basic principles of ecosystem function; biodiversity and its conservation; Wildlife population growth; water resources and management; water, air and soil pollution; climate change; energy resources, and sustainability. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Food Processing

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Food Products and Processing Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of food safety and sanitation; nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry and human behavior in local and global food systems; food selection and processing for storage, distribution and consumption; and the historical and current development of the food industry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of food products and processing in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Food Processing courses impart the knowledge and skills needed to bring animal and plant products to market. They may cover a wide variety of topics, including care and maintenance of animals or plants, quality selection and preservation, equipment care and sanitation, government regulations, and marketing and consumer trends. This course may present an overview of agricultural processing or may specialize in particular types of products. Participation in FFA student organization activities is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Horticultural Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to the horticulture industry and provide them with basic plant science knowledge that can be further developed in advanced horticulture courses. Major units of instruction include horticulture research, horticultural careers, plant anatomy, seed germination, plant propagation, growing media, pest management, hydroponics, identifying horticultural plants, growing greenhouse crops, and floral design. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Basic Natural Resource Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to management and conservation skills and provide them with basic natural resource management knowledge that can be further developed in more advanced courses. Units include introduction to: understanding natural resources science and management, understanding of conservation and different practices, ecological concepts and scientific principles, impacts of pollution, fish and wild ecology, fire ecology, renewable and nonrenewable resources, and human impacts on wildlife. Career exploration will be discussed including: park ranger, game warden, campground manager, forester, conservation officer, wildlife manager, and related occupations. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Biotechnical Engineering

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Biotechnology Systems (BS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of using data and scientific techniques to solve problems concerning living organisms with an emphasis on applications to agriculture, food, and natural resource systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of biotechnology in the context of AFNR.

Course Description

Biotechnical Engineering courses enable students to develop and expand their knowledge and skills in biology, physics, technology, and mathematics. Course content may vary widely, drawing upon diverse fields such as biomedical engineering, biomolecular genetics, bioprocess engineering, agricultural biology, or environmental engineering. Students may engage in problems related to biomechanics, cardiovascular engineering, genetic engineering, agricultural biotechnology, tissue engineering, biomedical devices, human interfaces, bioprocesses, forensics, and bioethics.



Biotechnology Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Biotechnology Systems (BS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of using data and scientific techniques to solve problems concerning living organisms with an emphasis on applications to agriculture, food, and natural resource systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of biotechnology in the context of AFNR.

Course Description

Courses in Agricultural Biotechnology Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topic of interest related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Biotechnology Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

Agricultural Biotechnology Systems Workplace Experience courses provide students with work experience in fields related to agricultural biotechnology. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



ISBE Course Code 22151A001

Career Exploration

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Orientation Course* (Group 1)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 5-8

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

Career Exploration courses help students identify and evaluate personal goals, priorities, aptitudes, and interests with the goal of helping them make informed decisions about their careers. These courses expose students to various sources of information on career and training options and may also assist them in developing job search and employability skills.



Community Food Production

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems. The AFNR instructional model provides students with opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and career success. Model instruction in all AFNR courses is delivered via three major components:

- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) and Plant Systems (PS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced courses in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

This course explores the principles and practices of urban agricultural production. Topics typically include urban crop production, harvesting, and management strategies. Other topics may include ethical, social, and environmental impacts of food and urban farming, and urban agriculture as a social movement. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Environmental Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Environmental Service Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems. The AFNR instructional model provides students with opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and career success. Model instruction in all AFNR courses is delivered via three major components:

- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Environmental Service Systems (ESS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of systems, instruments, and technology used to monitor and minimize the impact of human activity on environmental systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of environmental systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course examines the relationship of agriculture and the environment. The impact of plant and animal production practices on the environment and the adoption of practices leading to improved air, land, and water quality are investigated. Areas of emphasis include: types of ecosystems, management of waste, chemical use, soil conservation, land uses and regulations, and water and air quality. Encouraging students to be conscious and concerned about the environment and recognizing the need to conserve the environment and its resources will be a theme throughout. Careers of environmental technicians, soil and water conservationists, monitoring field technicians, land surveyor, and related occupations will be examined. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Environmental Service Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Environmental Service Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Environmental Service Systems (ESS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of systems, instruments, and technology used to monitor and minimize the impact of human activity on environmental systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of environmental systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses in Environmental Service Systems Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topic of interest related to agriculture, food, and natural resources. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Environmental Service Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Environmental Service Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Environmental Service Systems (ESS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of systems, instruments, and technology used to monitor and minimize the impact of human activity on environmental systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of environmental systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Environmental Services Systems Workplace Experience courses provide work experience in fields related to environmental services systems. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Equine Science courses focus on the care and management of horses. Animal nutrition, health, behavior, reproduction and breeding, anatomy and physiology, use of qualitative and quantitative analyses for decision-making, facilities, handling and training, and grooming are typical areas of study. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Exploratory Agricultural Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Orientation Course* (Group 1)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 5-8

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

This exploration course provides the opportunity to learn fundamental concepts in agriculture to serve as a foundation for future courses and to inform students about the industry that is so vital to society and to their future. Major units of instruction include an introduction to the agricultural industry, animal science, plant science, horticulture science, agribusiness, environmental science, agricultural mechanics, food science, and leadership and personal development. Participation in FFA student organization activities is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course covers principles of floral art with an emphasis on commercial design. Topics include basic design styles and color harmonies; identification, use, and care of processing of cut flowers and foliage; mechanical aids and containers; personal flowers; holiday designs; and plant identification and care. The student will demonstrate the ability to identify floral design styles and color harmonies; identify cut flowers and foliage and the care and processing methods for extended vase life; select containers and mechanical aids; and create basic floral arrangements. The study of the general principles of plants, and their life processes and morphology, with emphasis on major floral crops are also covered. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Food Products and Processing Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Food Products and Processing Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of food safety and sanitation; nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry and human behavior in local and global food systems; food selection and processing for storage, distribution and consumption; and the historical and current development of the food industry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of food products and processing in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses in Agricultural Production and Processing Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest related to agricultural production and processing. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Food Products and Processing Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Food Products and Processing Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of food safety and sanitation; nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry and human behavior in local and global food systems; food selection and processing for storage, distribution and consumption; and the historical and current development of the food industry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of food products and processing in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Agricultural Production and Processing Workplace Experience courses provide students with work experience in fields related to agricultural production and processing. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Food Products and Processing Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of food safety and sanitation; nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry and human behavior in local and global food systems; food selection and processing for storage, distribution and consumption; and the historical and current development of the food industry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of food products and processing in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course provides learning experiences in food science and safety which allow students to apply scientific knowledge and processes to practices used in the development and preservation of food products. Issues of food science and safety are examined from a scientific and technological perspective. Students critically analyze information to evaluate and draw conclusions on the appropriate use of technology to implement food science and safety practices. Units of instruction include : principles of food preservation, food processing, biochemistry of foods, and food selection and consumer health. Careers to be examined include meat inspector, quality control technician, food processor, and sanitation supervisor. Students will use scientific and technological information about food science and safety as a part of developing career plans and personal viewpoints on societal issues concerning the development and preservation of food products. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Forestry courses provide students with the information and experience necessary for the cultivation, management, and care of forests or timberlands. Forestry courses cover topics such as the processes of regeneration and reforestation, harvesting and conservation of natural resources, erosion and pest control, trail development and maintenance, mapping and surveying, operation of forestry tools, government regulations, environmental stewardship, and recreational use of forests. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Foundational Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE)

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) education prepares students for successful careers and a lifetime of informed choices in global agriculture, food, fiber and natural resources systems. The AFNR instructional model provides students with opportunities for leadership development, personal growth, and career success. Model instruction in all AFNR courses is delivered via three major components:

- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

This course is designed to establish, improve, and/or expand knowledge and skills in various agricultural careers. Students will increase their awareness of agricultural careers through the following components: Career Exploration and Planning; Employability Skills for College and Career Readiness; Personal Financial Management and Planning; Workplace Safety; and Agricultural Literacy (may be transitioned to Immersion SAE). Participation in FFA student organization activities and exploration of Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Geospatial Technology

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to the following pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster: Environmental Service Systems (ESS), Natural Resource Systems (NRS), and Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS). Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced study in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Geospatial Technology courses provide students with experiences pertaining to the study of geographic information systems (GIS), global positioning systems (GPS), remote sensing (RS), digital image processing simulator (DIPS), Geodesy, automated cartography (Auto-Carto), land surveying (LS), and navigation. These courses may use spatial analysis models and guidelines for integrating, interpreting, analyzing, and synthesizing geographic data, with a focus on both the implications and limitations of such technologies. Other topics may include interfacing with telecommunications and automated database management systems.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

This course will primarily focus on agriculture in developing countries and frame this focus within a discussion of contemporary crucial issues facing food, agriculture and natural resources on a global scale. The course will look at the impacts of geographic, political, economic, and social issues of a particular country or region and how that affects their agriculture and trade. This course will also examine the impacts that trade agreements have on other countries' agriculture. Specific emphasis will also be placed on debates concerning global hunger and food security. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Greenhouse Production

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course provides advanced agriculture students a technical understanding and working knowledge of the greenhouse industry. Topics include safety, plant physiology, plant identification, growing media, plant nutrition, integrated pest management, propagation, growing greenhouse crops and greenhouse business concepts. Students will gain knowledge and skills related to the care and management of gardens and greenhouses. Agribusiness units will be introduced in merchandising, advertising, sales, and operating a greenhouse business. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Horticultural Production & Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course offers instruction in both the greenhouse production and landscape areas of horticulture. Units of study include plant identification, greenhouse management, growing greenhouse crops, landscape design, installation, and maintenance, horticulture mechanics, nursery management, and turf production. Agribusiness units will cover operating a horticultural business, pricing work, advertising, and sales. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Hunter Safety courses provide students with the basic skills and knowledge of hunter safety and responsibility. Topics typically include hunter responsibility and ethics; tree stand safety; firearms and ammunition; field safety; first aid; bowhunting; muzzle loading; wildlife conservation and identification; and Illinois state regulations. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Integrated Pest Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Biotechnology Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Biotechnology Systems (BS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of using data and scientific techniques to solve problems concerning living organisms with an emphasis on applications to agriculture, food, and natural resource systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of biotechnology in the context of AFNR.

Course Description

Integrated Pest Management courses help students develop an understanding of the life cycles of and damage caused by pests, diseases, and weeds. Course topics may include the application of pesticides and/or herbicides to manage pest populations and assessing the effectiveness of pest management plans, types of pesticides and their formulations, pesticide labels, human pesticide poisoning, pesticides in the environment, safe handling of pesticides, pesticide application equipment and calibration, and Illinois pesticide laws and regulations. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Introduction to the Agricultural Industry

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **all AFNR** Pathways
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns with all pathways in the AFNR career cluster. Skills and knowledge gained by students throughout this course are applicable to a wide range of AFNR occupations.

Course Description

This course provides an opportunity for students to learn how the agricultural industry is organized; its major components; the economic influence of agriculture at state, national and international levels; and the scope and types of job opportunities in the agricultural field. Basic concepts in animal science, plant science, soil science, horticulture, natural resources, agribusiness management, and agricultural mechanics, will be presented. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Landscape Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course focuses on the landscape and nursery of the horticulture industry. Units of student instruction include: identifying landscape plants, designing landscape plans, hardscape construction techniques, and installing landscape plants. Also included are nursery production, and maintenance of existing landscapes. Agribusiness units will cover calculating prices for work, managing a horticulture business, advertising, and sales. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Landscaping & Turf Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This advanced course focuses on the landscape, nursery, and turf segments of the horticulture industry. Units of student instruction include: identifying landscape plants, designing landscape plans, hardscape construction techniques, and installing landscape plants. Also included are nursery production, turfgrass production, small engine repair, and maintenance of existing landscapes. Agribusiness units will cover calculating prices for work, managing a horticulture business, advertising, and sales. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18103A001

Large Animal Care

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Large Animal Care courses focus on the care and management of large animals. Animal nutrition, health, behavior, reproduction and breeding, anatomy and physiology, use of qualitative and quantitative analyses for decision-making, facilities, handling and training, and grooming are typical areas of study. Course topics may include product processing and marketing. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Natural Resource Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Natural Resources Workplace Experience courses provide students with work experience in fields related to natural resources. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Natural Resources Conservation Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course develops management and conservation skills in understanding the connection between agriculture and natural resources. Student knowledge and skills are developed in: understanding natural resources and its importance; fish, wildlife, prairies, and forestry management and conservation; and exploring outdoor recreational enterprises. Hunting and fishing as a sport, growing and managing tree forests, and outdoor safety education will be featured. Career exploration will be discussed including: park ranger, game warden, campground manager, forester, conservation officer, wildlife manager, and related occupations. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Natural Resources Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses in Natural Resources Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest related to natural resources. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts



Physical Science Applications in Agriculture I

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Introductory Course* (Group 2)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 9-11

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Environmental Service Systems (ESS) and Power, Structural and Technical Systems (PSTS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced courses in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students understanding of physical science and the scientific process by associating scientific and math principles and concepts with relevant applications in agriculture. Topics of study are in the areas of scientific investigations, environmental/natural resource systems, agricultural production systems, agricultural structural systems, energy and power systems, agricultural mechanics and machine systems, and food processing systems. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Physical Science Applications in Agriculture II

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Environmental Service Systems (ESS) and Power, Structural and Technical Systems (PSTS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced study in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

This course is designed to reinforce and extend students understanding of physical science and the scientific process by associating scientific and math principles and concepts with relevant applications in agriculture. Topics of study are in the areas of scientific investigations, environmental/natural resource systems, agricultural production systems, agricultural structural systems, energy and power systems, agricultural mechanics and machine systems, and food processing systems. The course will be valuable preparation for further education and will increase the relevance of science through the applied setting of agriculture by enhancing literacy in science and the scientific process. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Food Products and Processing Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of food safety and sanitation; nutrition, biology, microbiology, chemistry and human behavior in local and global food systems; food selection and processing for storage, distribution and consumption; and the historical and current development of the food industry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of food products and processing in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Plant Processing courses impart the knowledge and skills needed to bring plant products to market. They may cover a wide variety of topics, including plant production, quality selection and preservation, equipment care and sanitation, government regulations, and marketing and consumer trends. Plant Processing courses may present an overview of product processing or may specialize in specific plant products. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Plant Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses in Plant Systems Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest related to plant systems. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts



Plant Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Plant Systems Workplace Experience courses provide work experience in fields related to plant systems (care, propagation, and processing). Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Power, Structural and Technical Systems Workplace Experience

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Workplace Experience Course* (Group 5)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources, precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding, and project planning for agricultural structures. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of power, structural, and technical systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Power, Structural and Technical Systems Workplace Experience courses provide work experience in fields related to agricultural mechanics and construction. Goals must be set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses must include classroom instruction at least once per week, involving further study of the field, discussion of relevant topics that are responsive to the workplace experience and employability skill development. Workplace Experience courses must be taught by an approved WBL educator-coordinator. These courses should be aligned to a Career Development Experience that could include: Student-led Enterprises; School-based Enterprises; Immersion Supervised Agricultural Experiences; Clinical Experiences in Science and Technology programs; Internships; and Apprenticeship programs including Youth Apprenticeships, Pre-apprenticeships, and Registered Apprenticeships.



Power, Structural, and Technical Systems Independent Study

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Power, Structural and Technical Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Independent Study Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of agricultural equipment, power systems, alternative fuel sources, precision technology, as well as woodworking, metalworking, welding, and project planning for agricultural structures. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of power, structural, and technical systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Courses in Agricultural Mechanics and Construction Independent Study, often conducted with instructors as mentors, enable students to topics of interest related to agricultural mechanics and/or construction. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular application, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18405A001

Precision Agriculture

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Environmental Service Systems (ESS) and Power, Structural, and Technical Systems (PSTS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced courses in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Precision Agriculture courses provide a fundamental understanding of the principles of precision agriculture. Topics may include Global Positioning Systems (GPS); Geographical Information Systems (GIS); yield monitors; remote sensing; drones; grid soil sampling; variable rate application; digital image processing simulator (DIPS); Geodesy, automated cartography (Auto-Carto); land surveying (LS); navigation and guidance to effectively use data to make informed production management decisions. These courses may use spatial analysis models and guidelines for integrating, interpreting, analyzing, and synthesizing geographic data, with a focus on both the implications and limitations of such technologies. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Service and Support Animal Training

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

"Service and Support Animal Training course provide students with skills and knowledge necessary to provide care and training for companion and service animals. Topics include animal behavior, training tools, and animal care. The course will focus on providing students understanding on how to select, socialize, and train companion and service animals to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18102A001
Small Animal Care

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Small Animal Care courses focus on the care and management of small animals. Animal nutrition, health, behavior, reproduction and breeding, anatomy and physiology, use of qualitative and quantitative analyses for decision-making, facilities, handling and training, and grooming are typical areas of study. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to the Environmental Service Systems (ESS), Natural Resource Systems (NRS), and Plant Systems (PS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced courses in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Soil Science courses involve the study of soil properties, including soil chemistry, biology, fertility, mineralogy, and hydrology. Topics covered may also include soil conservation, irrigation, soil genesis, soil surveys, and management. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Specialty Crop Production

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This skills-based course includes a study of sustainable crop production practices, including but not limited to vegetables, culinary and medicinal herbs, fruit production, ornamental crops and cut flowers. Topics include harvest methods, seasonal crop selection, planting procedures, cultural practices, soil testing, soil amendment, integrated pest management, marketing and economic viability, and various record keeping procedures, such as those needed for organic certification. Manual, mechanical, and chemical weed and pest management techniques will be discussed. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Sustainable Agriculture

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to the following pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster: Biotechnology Systems (BS), Environmental Service Systems (ESS), Food Products and Processing Systems (FPPS), and Plant Systems (PS). Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced study in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Sustainable/Alternative Agriculture courses explore technological and environmental changes and concerns. These courses address alternative approaches to food production including, but not limited to, organics, low-input, natural, and sustainable production methodology and practices. Course content may include comparing the effects of alternative production practices to those of conventional production practices. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Technology, Society and Sustainability

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Multiple Pathways**
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

This course aligns to both the Environmental Service Systems (ESS) and Natural Resource Systems (NRS) pathways within the Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster. Course concepts will provide a structure for advanced study in each aligned pathway.

Course Description

Technology, Society and Sustainability course will provide an overview of the importance of, impact on, and relationships between technological endeavors and society at large. This courses typically emphasize environmental factors, economics impacts and the influences of society on technological/environmental endeavors.



Turfgrass and Sports Field Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

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Course Description

This course is designed for students interested in gaining knowledge and skills associated with the duties and tasks of industry and professionals who establish and maintain turf in public areas such as golf courses; parks; athletic fields; school, industrial, and institutional campuses; and residential lawns. “Hands on” applications associated with turf grass management and sports field management will be applied to include: establishing turf, fertilizing, irrigating, and pest management control of grassed areas; operating and maintaining machinery and equipment. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18309A001

Urban Agriculture

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Urban Agriculture courses explore the principles and practices of urban agricultural production. Topics typically include urban crop production, harvesting, and management strategies. Other topics may include ethical, social, and environmental impacts of food and urban farming, and urban agriculture as a social movement. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Urban Forestry courses provide introduction to principles and practices useful in the management of trees and forests in urban settings. Topics typically include the benefits of trees and forestry; duties and responsibilities of municipal foresters; street tree management planning; and management strategies consistent with the biological, physical, economic and social constraints of the urban environment. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18105A001
Veterinary Science

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Animal Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Animal Systems (AS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of animal systems, including content areas such as life processes, health, nutrition, genetics, management, and processing, as applied to small animals, aquaculture, exotic animals, livestock, dairy, horses and/or poultry. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of animal systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

This course will develop students' understanding of the small and companion animal industry, animal anatomy and physiology, animal ethics and welfare issues, animal health, veterinary medicine, veterinary office practices, and animal services to humans. Topics to be discussed include: veterinary terminology, anatomy and physiology, pathology, genetics, handling and restraint, first-aid and physical examinations along with common surgical skills. Career exploration will focus on veterinarian, veterinary lab technicians, office lab assistant, small animal production, research lab assistant, and animal nutrition lab technician. Improving computer and workplace skills will be a focus. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Plant Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Advanced Course* (Group 4)
- ✓ Recommended for Grade 12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Plant Systems (PS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of plant life cycles, classifications, functions, structures, reproduction, media and nutrients, as well as growth and cultural practices through the study of crops, turf grass, trees, shrubs, and/or ornamental plants. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of plant systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Viticulture courses prepare students for further studies in grape-growing, viticulture, and wine-making industry. Course topics typically include establishing and managing vineyards; harvesting; fermentation and wine making; marketing; and exploring career options within the industry. Agricultural applications specific to vineyards and wineries are emphasized. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Environmental Service Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Environmental Service Systems (ESS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of systems, instruments, and technology used to monitor and minimize the impact of human activity on environmental systems. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of environmental systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Water Treatment courses provide instruction regarding the environmental hazards associated with identifying and accepting waste water disposal. Course topics typically include waste water, the steps in wastewater treatment, compliance with applicable regulations, and the use of water-testing instruments and water-treatment equipment to treat wastewater. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.



ISBE Course Code 18501A001

Wildlife Management

Key Course Details

- ✓ Aligned to **Natural Resource Systems** Pathway
- ✓ Recognized as an *AFNR Skills Course* (Group 3)
- ✓ Recommended for Grades 10-12

Instructional Model

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- Classroom/Laboratory Instruction
- AFNR Work-based Learning
- Student Leadership Organizations

Pathway Alignment

The Natural Resource Systems (NRS) Career Pathway encompasses the study of the management, protection, enhancement and improvement of soil, water, wildlife, forests, and air as natural resources. Students completing a program of study in this pathway will demonstrate competence in the application of principles and techniques for the development, application, and management of natural resource systems in AFNR settings.

Course Description

Often with an emphasis on the conservation of natural resources and frequently including outdoor recreation topics, Wildlife Management courses provide students with the opportunity to understand and appreciate the importance of maintaining the land and ecological systems that enable non-domesticated animals to thrive. Wildlife Management courses emphasize how humans and animals may both take advantage of the same land or how to gain economic benefits from the land while not degrading its natural resources or depleting plant or animal populations. Participation in FFA student organization activities and Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) projects is an integral course component for leadership development, career exploration and reinforcement of academic concepts.

