

Instructor Information

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Course Information

Course title	Soil Fertility		
Course number	AGA 157	Credits	1
Course description	The physical, chemical and biological study of soil properties provided through a laboratory setting. The class will review the interaction of nutrients, land measurement and environmental concerns through soil management issues.		
Prerequisites	AGA 114		
Course competencies			

Textbooks & Materials

Required textbooks	
Required supplemental materials	Access to internet, 3 ring notebook for handouts

Course Policies

Instructor Response	The instructor will make every attempt to respond to course e-mail within 24 hours during the workweek though it may not be possible in all cases. Student will be notified when the instructor is not available to meet the stated response time.
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Time Commitment

Attendance is required. If you are absent, you are responsible for getting notes from a fellow student. **Late work is not accepted unless discussed ahead of time.**

Illness: doctor's explanation required

Long-term or Expected absences: student must contact instructor of their absence at least 1 week prior to them being gone from class. Upon their return, they have 1 day to complete any missed work, including exams, projects, and/or quizzes. If the student fails to complete the missing work within the allowed time, they will receive a zero.

The class schedule includes an outline for class content, and approximated dates for assignments, projects, quizzes, and exams.

Instructor will give you advanced warning of exams and projects, however, quizzes may be given without advanced notice.

<p>Grading criteria</p>	<p>HOMEWORK: homework will be assigned and then discussed as a large group during class. Homework is not collected or graded, however, quizzes, exams, and/or project questions may come from past homework, so it is to the student advantage to complete the work and take part in the class discussion.</p> <p>QUIZZES: quizzes may be given unannounced and given at anytime</p> <p>EXAMS: made up of one or more of the following types of questions: T/F, Matching, Multiple-choice, short-answer, and/or identification.</p> <p>Exams will make up most of your final course grade. All other points will come from small projects and some quizzes, therefore, you will need to keep up with the course homework and readings and be sure you're well prepared for the exams. A <u>final exam</u> will be given the week of Dec. 8th and account for approximately 20% of your course grade.</p> <p>PROJECTS: Small group or individualized projects will be decided by the instructor</p> <p>Course schedule – page 4 of the syllabus * course schedule subject to change</p> <p>The number of points earned by the student, out of the total points possible, will determine the letter grade. The following scale is used: A 90-100% B 80-89% C 70-79% D 60-69% F Less than 60%</p> <p>The + (plus) or – (minus) will be assigned to the grade as appropriate.</p> <p>Current grades will be dispersed to students at or near mid-term and the final day of class.</p>
<p>Missed exams</p>	<p>Arranged with instructor</p>
<p>Late assignments</p>	<p>Will be accepted with grade reduction</p>
<p>Extra credit</p>	<p>May be available</p>
<p>Course Ground Rules</p>	<p>Example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participation is required. 2. Expected to communicate with other students in team projects. 3. Keep abreast of course announcements. 4. Use the assigned college e-mail address as opposed to a personal e-mail address. 5. Relaxed atmosphere but act as an adult. 6. Breaks as determined by group.

Cell phones	1. Turned off and out of site
Academic dishonesty	Refer to the DMACC Student Handbook: http://www.dmacc.edu/handbook/welcome.asp
Support Services	
Accommodations	“It is the policy of DMACC to accommodate students with disabilities. Any student with a documented disability who requires reasonable accommodation should contact the special needs coordinator at 515-964-6850 voice or 515-964-6810 TTY.”
Services for students with disabilities	http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/disabilities.asp Contact the special needs coordinator at 515-964-6850V , 515-964-6809 TTY or the counseling & advising office on any campus for an Application for Accommodation.
Disclaimer	
“This syllabus is representative of materials that will be covered in this class; it is not a contract between the student and the institution. It is subject to change. These changes will be communicated via email or posted as announcements. If you have any problems related to this class, please feel free to discuss them with me.”	
Nondiscrimination Policy	
<p>Des Moines Area Community College shall not engage in or allow discrimination covered by law. This includes harassment based on race, color, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, and disability. Veteran status in educational programs, activities, employment practices, or admission procedures is also included to the extent covered by law. Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against may file a complaint through the College Discrimination Complaint Procedure. Complaint forms may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, the campus Provost's office, or the EEO/AA Officer.</p> <p>Persons who wish additional information or assistance may contact the EEO/AA Officer, Dr. Sandy Tryon, Human Resources, Bldg. 1, 515-964-6301. Employees and applicants refer to HR Procedures 3000, 3005, 3010, 3015, and 3020. Click here http://www.dmacc.edu/hr/hrpp.asp .</p> <p>For requests for accommodations, the Accommodation/Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Sharon Bittner, can be contacted at 515-964-6857. Students with requests for accommodations refer to the Student Services procedure 4610 located on the DMACC Intranet at http://my2.dmacc.edu/default.aspx. Go to Policies & Procedures and choose Student Services Procedures.</p>	