



INSTRUCTIONAL PACKAGE

NRM 201

Soils Fertility and Plant Productivity

Effective Term
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Part I: Course Information

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COURSE PREFIX: NRM 201

COURSE TITLE: Soils and Plant Productivity

CONTACT HOURS: 5 (2 lecture and 3 lab)

CREDIT HOURS: 3

RATIONALE FOR THE COURSE:

Managing soil productivity is a basic component of natural resource management. However, understanding soil and its manipulations are not simple and can be costly. Students will learn how to manage the soil to meet landowner goals and the costs associated with many soil management practices.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is a study of agronomic principles of soil management and plant production, including the use and application of chemical fertilizers. Emphasis will be placed on utilizing the tools to effectively manage soils for productive wildlife habitat.

PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES:

(ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 056 and ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 058) or (New ACCUPLACER Reading Comp 235 and New ACCUPLACER Sentence Skills 235) or (COMPANION Reading 056 and COMPANION Sentence Skills 058) or (Multiple Measures English 1) or (SAT Critical Reading 380) or (ACT English 12 and ACT Reading 14) or (Credit level [ENG 155](#) Minimum Grade of C or Credit level [ENG 155](#) Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level [ENG 101](#) Minimum Grade of C or Credit level [ENG 101](#) Minimum Grade of TC or Credit level [ENG 100](#) Minimum Grade of C*)

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Please visit the Bookstore online site for most current textbook information. Use the direct link below to find textbooks.

[BOOKSTORE](#).

Enter the semester, course prefix, number and section when prompted and you will be linked to the correct textbook.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Access to Desire2Learn (D2L), HGTC's student portal for course materials.
WaveNet and D2L email access.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION VERIFICATION

Students enrolled in online courses will be required to participate in a minimum of one (1) proctored assignments and/or one (1) virtual events to support student identification verifications. Please refer to your Instructor Information Sheet for information regarding this requirement.

CLASSROOM ETIQUETTE:

As a matter of courtesy to other students and your professor, please turn off cell phones and other communication/entertainment devices before class begins. If you are monitoring for an emergency, please notify your professor prior to class and switch cell phone ringers to vibrate.

Part II: Student Learning Outcomes

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES and ASSESSMENTS*:

- I. Introduction to Soils, Properties, and Water
Materials Covered: Chapters 1, 2, & 3 "Soil Science Simplified"
*Assessment: Combined Test with Unit II
Learning Outcomes:
 - i. Describe the function of soil
 - ii. Provide the soil properties
 - iii. Identify water's effect of soil productivity

- II. Basic Soil Manipulation Tool (Agricultural Tractor) – Use and Safety
Materials Covered: Hand out
*Assessment: Combined Test with Unit I
Learning Outcomes:
 - i. List and exhibit basic agricultural tractor safety
 - ii. Exhibit basic agricultural tractor operation
 - iii. List the uses for the agricultural tractor

- III. Plant Growth and Nutrition and Organic Matter
Materials Covered: Chapters 5 and 6 "Soil Science Simplified"
*Assessment: Combined Test with Units IV and V
Learning Outcomes:
 - i. Give the life functions of plants
 - ii. Explain nutrient levels and crop yields
 - iii. Determine the needs for fertilization
 - iv. Evaluate fertilizers
 - v. Identify food plot plants

- IV. Native Vegetation Management
Materials Covered: Hand Out
*Assessment: Combined Test with Units III and V
Learning Outcomes:
 - i. Describe assessment of natural vegetation
 - ii. Treatment of natural vegetation for wildlife habitat objectives

- V. Agricultural Attachments
Materials Covered: Hand Out
*Assessment: Combined Test with Units III and IV
Learning Outcomes:
i. Describe use of common agricultural tractor attachments
ii. Provide capital and maintenance expenses of such attachments
- VI. Soil Formation, Morphology, and Classification
Materials Covered: Chapters 7, 8, & 9 "Soil Science Simplified"
*Assessment: Unit Test with Unit VII
Learning Outcomes:
i. List soil formation factors
ii. Describe soil morphology
iii. Provide soil classification details
- VII. Herbicide Use
Materials Covered: Hand Out
*Assessment: Unit Test with Unit VI
Learning Outcomes:
i. Explain proper application of herbicides including calibration methods
ii. List common herbicides and expected results
iii. Provide expenses of common herbicides
- VIII. Soil Surveys and Environment
Materials Covered: Chapters 10, 11, & 12 "Soil Science Simplified"
*Assessment: Unit Test with Unit IX
Learning Outcomes:
i. List soil survey uses
ii. Explain soil erosion controls
- IX. Small Engines
Materials Covered: Hand Outs
*Assessment: Unit Test with Unit VIII
Learning Outcomes:
i. Describe maintenance of small engines
ii. Describe solutions to common small engine problems

****Students – please refer to the Instructor’s Course Information sheet for specific information on assessments and due dates.***

Part III: Grading and Assessment

EVALUATION OF REQUIRED COURSE MEASURES/ARTIFACTS*

Students' performance will be assessed and the weight associated with the various measures/artifacts are listed below.

EVALUATION*

Tests	70%
Projects	15%
Quizzes	10%
Labs	5%
	100%

****Students, for the specific number and type of evaluations, please refer to the Instructor's Course Information Sheet.***

GRADING SYSTEM:

State the College's or departmental grading system as delineated in the Catalog. Please note the College adheres to a 10 point grading scale A = 100 – 90, B = 89- 80, C = 79 – 70, D = 69 – 60, F = 59 and below. You must have your Dean's approval if changes in the scale are made.

Grades earned in courses impact academic progression and financial aid status. Before withdrawing from a course, be sure to talk with your instructor and financial aid counselor about the implications of that course of action. Ds, Fs, Ws, WFs and Is also negatively impact academic progression and financial aid status.

The Add/Drop Period is the first 5 days of the semester for **full term** classes. Add/Drop periods are shorter for accelerated format courses. Please refer to the academic calendar for deadlines for add/drop ([ACADEMIC CALENDAR](#)). You must attend at least one meeting of all of your classes during that period. If you do not, you will be dropped from the course(s) and your Financial Aid will be reduced accordingly.

Part IV: Attendance

Horry-Georgetown Technical College maintains a general attendance policy requiring students to be present for a minimum of 80 percent (80%) of their classes in order to receive credit for any course. Due to the varied nature of courses taught at the college, some faculty may require up to 90 percent (90%) attendance. Pursuant to 34 Code of Federal Regulations 228.22 - Return to Title IV Funds, once a student has missed over 20% of the course or has missed two (2) consecutive weeks, the faculty is obligated to withdraw the student and a student may not be permitted to reenroll. **Instructors define absentee limits for their class at the beginning of each term; please refer to the Instructor Course Information Sheet.**

For online and hybrid courses, check your Instructor's Course Information Sheet for any required on-site meeting times. Please note, instructors may require tests to be taken at approved testing sites, if

you use a testing center other than those provided by HGTC, the center may charge a fee for its services.

Part V: Student Resources



The Student Success and Tutoring Center (SSTC)

The SSTC offers to all students the following **free** resources:

- 1. Academic coaches** for most subject areas, **Writing Center Support**, and **college success skills**.
- 2. On-line student success and academic support resources.**

Visit the SSTC website: [Student Success & Tutoring Center](#) and visit the student services tab in your WaveNet account to schedule appointments using TutorTrac. For more information, call: SSTC Conway, 349-7872; SSTC Grand Strand, 477-2113; and SSTC Georgetown, 520-1455 or go to the [Online Resource Center](#) to access on-demand resources any time.

TECH Central – Student Information Center



TECH Central provides quality enrollment and collegiate guidance for students, faculty, and staff. Services include phone, walk-in, and online technical support for technology training and troubleshooting. Additionally, we offer support in Office 365, Outlook E-mail setup, and ID cards.

Phone: 843-349-5340

Email: techcentral@hgtc.edu

Text: 843-357-8552

TECH Talk (Live Chat): Located on the "Home" tab in WaveNet.

Website: www.hgtc.edu/techcentral

Locations:

Conway Building 1100, Room 132D

Grand Strand Building 200, Room 136

Student Testing: (If course is offered in multiple format include this section, delete if only F2F sections are offered.)

Testing in an **online/hybrid** course may be accomplished in a variety of ways:

- Test administered within D2L
- Test administered in writing on paper
- Test administered through Publisher Platforms

Further more tests may have time limits and/or require a proctor.

Proctoring can be accomplished either face-to-face at an approved site or online through RPNOW, our online proctoring service. To find out more about proctoring services, please visit the [Online Testing](#) section of the HGTC's Testing Center webpage.

The **Instructor Information Sheet** will have more details on test requirements for your course.

Disability Services:

HGTC is committed to providing an accessible environment for students with disabilities. Inquiries may be directed to Beth Havens, Director of Student Development on the Conway Campus Jaime Davis, Counselor/Advisor on the Georgetown Campus or Kristin Griffin, Counselor on the Grand Strand Campus. These individuals will review documentation of the student's disability and, in a confidential setting with the student, develop an educational accommodation plan.

Note: It is the student's responsibility to self-identify as needing accommodations and to provide acceptable documentation. After a student has self-identified and submitted documentation of a disability, accommodations may be determined, accepted, and provided.

Statement of Equal Opportunity/Non-Discrimination Statement

Horry-Georgetown Technical College prohibits discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment and abuse, on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, political ideas, sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including, but not limited to, lactation in educational programs and/or activities.

Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Students and prospective student inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College or any student decision may be directed to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Melissa Batten, VP Student Affairs, Title IX Coordinator, Building 1100, Room 107A, Conway Campus, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5228, Melissa.Batten@hgtc.edu. Employee and applicant inquiries concerning Section 504, Title II, and Title IX and their application to the College may be directed to the Vice President for Human Resources, Jacquelyne Snyder, VP Human Resources, Section 504, Title II, and Title IX Coordinator, Building 200, Room 212A, Conway Campus, PO Box 261966, Conway, SC 29528-6066, 843-349-5212, Jacquelyne.Snyder@hgtc.edu.

Title IX Requirements

All students (as well as other persons) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College are protected by Title IX—regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, part- or full-time status, disability, race, or national origin—in all aspects of educational programs and activities. Any student, or other member of the college community, who believes that he/she is or has been a victim of sexual harassment or sexual violence may file a report with the college’s Chief Student Services Officer, campus law enforcement, or with the college’s Title IX Coordinator, or designee.

*Faculty and Staff are required to report incidents to the Title IX Coordinators when involving students. The only HGTC employees exempt from mandatory reporting are licensed mental health professionals (only as part of their job description such as counseling services).

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