AGRICULTURAL SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY (AST)

AST 1413 Introduction to Engineering in Agriculture
Prerequisites: MATH 1513 or concurrent enrollment.
Description: Application of the physical and engineering sciences to agricultural problems. Energy; energy conversion; thermal, electrical, mechanical and fluid systems; equipment calibration; environmental control of agriculture buildings and irrigation system requirements. Previously offered as MCAG 1413.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 3 Contact: 3
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 2313 Surveying
Prerequisites: MATH 1613.
Description: A study of the equipment and practices used in surveying for small areas. Common practices of plane surveying: differential, profile, and topographic leveling; field notes, accuracy and precision, error and error control, and land measurement. Previously offered as MCAG 2313.
Credit hours: 3
Contact hours: Lecture: 2 Lab: 3 Contact: 5
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab
Department/School: Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 3011 Ag Structures
Prerequisites: MATH 1513.
Description: Study of types of agricultural structures, building materials, construction tools and methods. Laboratory will provide opportunity to apply and develop associated skills. Previously offered as MCAG 3011.
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Lab: 2 Contact: 2
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lab
Department/School: Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 3102 Principles of Agricultural Electrification
Prerequisites: MATH 1513 or MATH 2103.
Description: Principles, function, design, operation, and safe application of agricultural electrification systems.
Credit hours: 2
Contact hours: Lecture: 2 Contact: 2
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lecture
Department/School: Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 3211 Engines and Power
Prerequisites: MATH 1513.
Description: Theory, operation, performance and diagnostics of internal combustion engines for mobile applications. Previously offered as MCAG 3211.
Credit hours: 1
Contact hours: Lecture: 2 Contact: 2
Levels: Undergraduate
Schedule types: Lab
Department/School: Biosystems & Ag Eng
AST 4123 Principles of Food Engineering  
**Prerequisites:** MATH 1513.  
**Description:** For non-engineers. Application of the engineering approach to solving heat and mass transfer problems in food processing. An introduction to the basic concepts of the conservation laws, fluid flow, heat transfer, refrigeration, freezing, psychrometrics, and energy conservation. Same course as FDSC 4123. Previously offered as MCAG 4123. May not be used for Degree Credit with AST 5123.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 4200 Topics in Agricultural Systems Technology  
**Description:** Investigations in specialized areas of mechanized agriculture. Previously offered as MCAG 4200. May not be used for Degree Credit with AST 5200. Offered for variable credit, 1-4 credit hours, maximum of 4 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-4  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-4 Other: 1-4  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 4203 Agricultural Water Management  
**Prerequisites:** MATH 1513 or MATH 2103.  
**Description:** Irrigation water supplies, characteristics and selection of irrigation systems, selection of pumps, irrigation scheduling and efficiency, environmental impacts. Previously offered as MCAG 4203.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lecture  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 4213 Safety and Health in Agriculture  
**Prerequisites:** Junior standing or above.  
**Description:** Causes and prevention of accidents in agriculture; acute and chronic risks of machinery, animals, gases, confined spaces, and hazardous materials; understanding of current OSHA and NIOSH requirements and regulations. Previously offered as MCAG 4212 and AST 4212.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 2 Lab: 2 Contact: 4  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Lab, Lecture, Combined lecture and lab  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 4220 Advanced Methods in Agricultural Systems Technology  
**Description:** Developing agricultural mechanics programs for vocational agriculture and technical schools. Application of agricultural mechanics methods, practices and skills to advanced projects. Offered for variable credit, 1-6 credit hours, maximum of 6 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-6  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-6 Other: 1-6  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study, Lab, Combined lab & IS  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 4303 Automation, Sensors and Controls for Agricultural Systems  
**Prerequisites:** MATH 2103 or MATH 2123.  
**Description:** Principles of sensors, controllers, actuators, data communication networks and interface electronics applied to agricultural, food and natural systems.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 2 Lab: 2 Contact: 4  
**Levels:** Undergraduate  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 5123 Principles of Food Engineering  
**Prerequisites:** MATH 1513.  
**Description:** For non-engineers. Application of the engineering approach to solving heat and mass transfer problems in food processing. An introduction to the basic concepts of the conservation laws, fluid flow, heat transfer, refrigeration, freezing, psychrometrics, and energy conservation. May not be used for degree credit with AST 4123.  
**Credit hours:** 3  
**Contact hours:** Lecture: 3 Contact: 3  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 5200 Topics in Agricultural Systems Technology  
**Description:** Investigations in specialized areas of mechanized agriculture. May not be used for degree credit with AST 4200. Offered for variable credit, 1-4 credit hours, maximum of 4 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-4  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-4 Other: 1-4  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng

AST 5200 Topics in Agricultural Systems Technology  
**Description:** Investigations in specialized areas of mechanized agriculture. May not be used for degree credit with AST 4200. Offered for variable credit, 1-4 credit hours, maximum of 4 credit hours.  
**Credit hours:** 1-4  
**Contact hours:** Contact: 1-4 Other: 1-4  
**Levels:** Graduate  
**Schedule types:** Independent Study  
**Department/School:** Biosystems & Ag Eng