

Nonstandard Course Calendar Request

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Course prefix and number: GEN 300

Proposed start and end date for the course: August 9 – August 20

Whether the request for a nonstandard calendar is for one time only, or on a recurring basis:

One time only. The end of August timeframe is ideal for participating/organizing CAFE extension faculty, partner farming operations, and other Ag sector companies, as there is a lull in fieldwork during this time before harvest. A one time request to offer this course as GEN 300 in the summer of 2021 is requested.

Justification for the request: The Agricultural Ecosystems Sciences (AES) Individualized major offered by the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences in the College of Agriculture, Food and the Environment is requesting to offer an Agricultural Field Experience course for undergraduates enrolled in AES or similar degree programs in the time between the summer and fall 2021 semesters. The course is a 2-week summer field experience where students will visit several CAFE farms, partner farm operations, and Ag sector industries to learn from faculty researchers, extension specialists and agronomists demonstrating the fundamental principles of agronomic production and management of agroecosystem in support of a sustainable food, fiber, feed, and fuel production future. The field experience relies heavily on the assistance from CAFÉ extension faculty, partner farming operations, and other Ag sector companies for delivery of the course programming. The late August timeframe represents an ideal time for these organizing/participating partners as there is a lull in fieldwork and extension activity during this time before harvest. Further, students in the AES program are required to have an internship experience that often occurs during the summer. Having the field experience during the requested timeframe would permit students to fulfill their internship responsibilities and return to campus for the field course during the same summer period.

Whether or not the nonstandard calendar creates an actual or potential violation of *Senate Rules 5.2.2 ("Student Load")*, specifically the number of credit hours taken by a student during a specific period of time. (If so, please explain and justify.): Teaching this course on the requested non-standard calendar will not create an actual or potential violation of senate rules 5.2.2.