1. **COURSE TITLE:** Research Project

**COURSE NUMBER:** 2299 **CATALOG PREFIX:** AGRI

1. **PREREQUISITE(S)**: completion of core courses in AGRI
2. **CREDIT HOURS:** 3 **LECTURE HOURS**: 3

**LABORATORY HOURS:** 0 **OBSERVATION HOURS:** 0

1. **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

A supervised research project tailored to the individual needs and learning objectives of the student

1. **ADOPTED TEXT (S):**

*None*

1. **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

This course is designed to provide the student with an opportunity to conduct individual research study of any subject (in any agricultural field) in which he/she desires to require additional knowledge. The selected topic should be related to the student’s main area of study. The student may select a cooperating instructor or the instructor will be assigned by the Department Chairman.

1. **GRADING**

Grades will be calculated as a percentage of the total points earned; according to the Course Catalog:

Numerical equivalents are established for letter grades as follows:

 A = 90 - 100

 B = 80 - 89

 C = 70 - 79

 D = 60 - 69

 F = 0 - 59

 Academic Honesty: See course catalog for policy. Academic honesty is expected; acts of dishonesty will not be tolerated.

1. **COURSE METHODOLOGY:**

This course may use lecture, laboratory experiences, discussion, video, computer slide show, in and out-of class assignments, work projects, research papers, and written exams as appropriate to the course objectives.

1. **COURSE OUTLINE:**

Course content will vary significantly based on the specific research area selected by the student. All research projects will include the following minimum requirements:

* Formal proposal for research
* Plan and proposed calendar of events for the research project
* List of supplies/resources required and used
* Records of information acquisition (data, literature, etc)
* Notebook containing all research notes during the project
* Formal presentation of findings in open seminar format
* Formal written report

**SAMPLE** Course Calendar:

 Week 1 proposal

 Week 2 calendar of events/ schedule

 Week 3 list of resources

 Week 4 information acquisition

 Week 5 information acquisition

 Week 6 information acquisition

 Week 7 information acquisition

 Week 8 progress report

 Week 9 information acquisition

 Week 10 information analysis

 Week 11 information analysis

 Week 12 report writing

 Week 13 report writing

 Week 14 report writing

 Week 15 final consultation and approval by appropriate faculty

 Week 16 **formal report in seminar for department**

1. **OTHER REQUIRED BOOKS, SOFTWARE AND MATERIALS:**

Other resources may be required as the term progresses and will be announced or given in class

1. **EVALUATION:**

Knowledge of content is evaluated by various methods at the discretion of the instructor and the employer.

Sample Grading Scale:

 proposal 10%

 research notebook 20%

 formal report 50% public presentation of findings 20%

1. **SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

Students will be required to complete written exams at times designated in the Course Schedule. Students are required to participate in all class activities.

Students may withdraw from classes according to the schedule in the student handbook. Withdrawal from classes may affect the student’s financial aid. See the FEE SCHEDULE section of the College Catalog for the policy on refunds and financial aid.

1. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

**Classroom conduct:** Civility in the classroom is very important. As professionals, we expect students to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner. Disruptive, rude, sarcastic, obscene or disrespectful speech or behavior have a negative impact on everyone and will not be tolerated.

**FERPA:** Students need to understand that your work may be seen by others. Others may see your work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes.

Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that your work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**DISABILITIES:** Students with disabilities may contact the Disabilities Service Office, Central Campus, at 800-628-7722 or 937-393-3431.