

SUAG 65 Course Outline as of Summer 2025**CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: SUAG 65 Title: COOL SEASON VEG PROD
 Full Title: Cool Season Vegetable Production
 Last Reviewed: 2/8/2021

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	2.00	Lecture Scheduled	1.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	26.25
Minimum	2.00	Lab Scheduled	1.50	6	Lab Scheduled	26.25
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	3.00		Contact Total	52.50
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 52.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 105.00

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade or P/NP

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: SUSAG 65

Catalog Description:

Class focuses on characteristics and production of major cool season vegetable crops in Sonoma County. Topics include crop planning, organic production practices, soil management, season extension and cover cropping. Lab activities will include hands-on application of production techniques at SRJC's Shone Farm.

Prerequisites/Corequisites:**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 100 OR EMLS 100 (formerly ESL 100) or appropriate placement based on AB705 mandates

Limits on Enrollment:**Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit: CSU;

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:

IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
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CSU Transfer:	Transferable	Effective:	Summer 2006	Inactive:
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UC Transfer:		Effective:		Inactive:
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CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Select and cultivate varieties of cool season vegetables suitable for Sonoma County soils and microclimates.
2. Create appropriate planting layouts for cool season vegetables within the available planting space.
3. Plan and implement a schedule of cultural and cost-effective practices from soil preparation through harvest for a cool season crop.
4. Discuss and apply techniques and equipment for extending the growing season of cool season crops.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify varieties of cool season vegetables suitable for Sonoma County soils and microclimates.
2. Describe soil preparation and fertility management methods for cool season vegetables.
3. Identify and evaluate planting layouts for cool season vegetables based on space and selected plants.
4. Determine optimal schedule and cultural practices for a cool season crop.
5. Identify and recommend control measures for common pests, diseases and weeds of warm season crops.
6. Determine appropriate cool season cover crops and apply techniques for successful cover crop establishment.

Topics and Scope:

- I. Key Components of Cool Season Farming
 - A. Cold hardy crop varieties
 - B. Season extension techniques
 - C. Succession planting
 - D. Seasonal schedule
 - E. Daylight hours
- II. Cool Season Vegetable Varieties Specifically Suited to Sonoma County Conditions and Markets
 - A. Asian greens
 - B. Brassicas
 - C. Lettuce
 - D. Spinach
 - E. Root crops
 - F. Specialty cool season crops
- III. Basics of Crop Planning for Cool Season Farming
 - A. Key variety information from seed catalogs
 - B. Days to maturity
 - C. Succession planting
- IV. Production
 - A. Seed planting in flats
 - B. Seeding directly in ground
 - C. Quantities and spacing of varieties for desired yields
 - D. Planting layouts
- V. Cultural Practices Through the Season
 - A. Soil and bed preparation
 - B. Thinning
 - C. Training/staking
 - D. Weed and insect control
 - E. Irrigation
 - F. Fertilization
- VI. Season Extension Techniques
 - A. Greenhouses
 - B. High tunnel hoop houses
 - C. Low tunnels
 - D. Floating row cover
- VII. Cool Season Soil Management
 - A. Fall and winter cover crops
 - B. Preparing garden areas for winter
- VIII. Harvest Methods and Storage
 - A. Harvest techniques by crop
 - B. Harvest timing by crop
 - C. Optimal storage conditions by crop
- IX. Marketing (Marketing strategies unique to cool season crops)

All topics are covered in the lecture and lab portions of the course.

Assignment:

Lecture Related Assignments:

- 1. Weekly Reading (10-20 pages)
- 2. Weekly quizzes
- 3. One crop presentation (15 minutes)

4. One crop plan project
5. Final exam

Lab Related Assignments:

1. Field activity journal
2. Skill demonstrations on site, including seed planting; transplanting; bed preparation; and application of cultural practice

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Field activity journal	Writing 10 - 20%
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Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Crop plan project	Problem solving 10 - 20%
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Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Lab skills demonstrations	Skill Demonstrations 10 - 20%
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Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes; Final exam	Exams 20 - 30%
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Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Crop presentation	Other Category 20 - 30%
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Representative Textbooks and Materials:

- The Winter Harvest Handbook. Coleman, Eliot. Chelsea Green Publishing. 2009 (classic)
- Sustainable Market Farming: Intensive Vegetable Production on a Few Acres. Dawling, Pam. New Society Publishers. 2013 (classic)
- Instructor prepared materials