SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (SUSAG)

Any experimental courses offered by SUSAG can be found at:
registrar.iastate.edu/faculty-staff/courses/explistings/ (http://
www.registrar.iastate.edu/faculty-staff/courses/explistings/)

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified
undergraduates:

SUSAG 509: Agroecosystems Analysis
(Cross-listed with AGRON, SOC). (3-4) Cr. 4. F.
Prereq: Senior or above classification; permission of instructor
Experiential, interdisciplinary examination of Midwestern agricultural and
food systems, emphasizing both field visits and classroom activities.
Focus on understanding multiple elements, perspectives (agronomic,
economic, ecological, social, etc.), and scales of operation.

SUSAG 515: Integrated Crop and Livestock Production Systems
(Cross-listed with ABE, AGRON, ANS). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered odd-
numbered years.
Prereq: SUSAG 509
Methods to maintain productivity and minimize the negative ecological
effects of agricultural systems by understanding nutrient cycles,
managing manure and crop residue, and utilizing multispecies
interactions. Crop and livestock production within landscapes and
watersheds is also considered. Course includes a significant field
component, with student teams analyzing Iowa farms.

SUSAG 530: Ecologically Based Pest Management Strategies
(Cross-listed with AGRON, ENT, PLP). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-
umbered years.
Prereq: SUSAG 509
Durable, least-toxic strategies for managing weeds, pathogens, and insect
pests, with emphasis on underlying ecological processes.

SUSAG 544: Sociology of Food and Agricultural Systems
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: 6 credits in sociology
Social organization of food and fiber production, processing, and
distribution systems. Sociological comparison of conventional and
alternative production systems; gender roles in agriculture and food
systems; local, national and global food systems; perspectives on food
and agricultural research and policy.

SUSAG 546: Strategies for Diversified Food and Farming Systems
(Cross-listed with AGRON, HORT). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-
umbered years.
Prereq: SUSAG 509
Project-focused engagement in food and farming systems using tools
and perspectives drawn from multiple disciplines. Includes a field
component.

SUSAG 549: Sociology of the Environment
(Cross-listed with SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: 6 credits in sociology
Social causes and social consequences of environmental problems.
Interrelationship between social inequality and environmental inequality.
Social construction and social experience of the environment.
Contemporary developments in the social theory of the environment.
International and domestic implications.

SUSAG 571: Agroforestry Systems
(Cross-listed with NREM). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.
Prereq: 6 credits in biological science at 300 level or above
Concepts of sustainable land use, agroecological dynamics, and
component interactions of agroforestry systems. Agroforestry systems
in temperate and tropical regions. Design and evaluation techniques for
agroforestry systems. Ecological, socioeconomic and political aspects of
agroforestry.
Meets International Perspectives Requirement.

SUSAG 584: Organic Agricultural Theory and Practice
(Cross-listed with AGRON, HORT). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-
umbered years.
Prereq: 9 cr. in biological or physical sciences
Understanding of the historical origins and ecological theories
underpinning the practices involved in organic agriculture.
Interdisciplinary examination of crop and livestock production and socio-
economic processes and policies in organic agriculture from researcher
and producer perspectives.

SUSAG 590: Special Topics
Cr. 1-3. Repeatable. F.S.SS.
Prereq: Graduate classification, permission of instructor
For students wishing to conduct in-depth study of a particular topic in
sustainable agriculture.

SUSAG 599: Creative Component
Cr. arr. F.S.SS.
Pre-enrollment contract required. For MS students pursuing the non-
thesis degree option. Final product is a creative component.

Courses for graduate students:
SUSAG 600: Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium
(1-0) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.S.
Weekly seminar for graduate students in the Sustainable Agriculture program.

SUSAG 610: Foundations of Sustainable Agriculture
(Cross-listed with A B E, AGRON, ANTHR, SOC). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: Graduate classification, permission of instructor
Historical, biophysical, socioeconomic, and ethical dimensions of agricultural sustainability. Strategies for evaluating existing and emerging agricultural systems in terms of the core concepts of sustainability and their theoretical contexts.

SUSAG 699: Research
Cr. arr. Repeatable. F.S.SS.
MS and PhD thesis and dissertation research.