

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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Course Curriculum of M.Sc. (Ag.) Agronomy

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(Based on Restructured and Revised Syllabi of PG Programme by ICAR)

1st Year (1st Semester)						
Code No.	Course Title	Credit Hours	Mid Term (Internal)	Practical (External)/Assignment (Internal 2)	End term/Final (External)	Total
AGR-501	Modern Concepts in Crop Production	3(3+0)	40	10	50	100
AGR-502	Principles and Practices of Weed Management	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AGR-503	Agronomy of oilseed, fiber and sugar crops	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
	Elective Paper	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AST 501	Experimental Design	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
PGS 501	Basic Concepts in Laboratory Technique	1(0+1)	40	10	-	50
PGS 502	Intellectual Property and Its Management in Agriculture	1(1+0)	-	-	50	50
	Total Credit	17				600
1st Year (2nd Semester)			Evaluation Marks			
AGR-504	Principles and practices of soil fertility and nutrient management	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AGR-505	Agronomy of major Cereals and Pulses	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AGR-506	Agrostology and Agro-Forestry	2(1+1)	20	30	50	100
	Elective Paper	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AST 502	Date Analysis Using Statistical Packages	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
PGS 503	Agriculture Research, Research Ethic and Rural Development Programmes	1(1+0)	-	-	50	50
PGS 504	Library and Information Services	1(0+1)	40	10	-	50
	Total Credit	16				600

2 nd Year (3 rd Semester)			Evaluation Marks			
AGR-507	Principles and Practices of Water Management	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AGR-508	Dry land Farming and Watershed Management	3(2+1)	20	30	50	100
AGR-509	Agronomy of fodder and forage crops	2(2+0)	40	10	50	100
	Elective Paper	2(1+1)	20	30	50	100
PGS-505	Technical Writing and Communications Skills	1(0+1)	-	100	-	100
	Total Credit	11				500
2 nd Year (4 th Semester)			Evaluation Marks			
AGR-510	Master Seminar	1(0+1)	-	100	-	100
AGR- 511 A	Master Research (Thesis)	30	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory			
OR						
AGR- 511 B	IDEA (Internship for Development of Entrepreneurship in Agriculture)	30	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory			
	TOTAL	1+30				100
	Grand total credit hours	45+30=75				1800

M.Sc. (Ag.) Agronomy

The following nomenclature and Credit Hrs. are following while structuring Syllabus:

A. Course Work	Course Code	Allotted Credit Hours
1. Major Course	AGR- 501 To – AGR-509	25
2. Minor Course	Elective	08
3. Supporting Course	AST-501 & AST-502	06
4. Common Course	PGS-501 To PGS-505	05
5. Seminar	AGR- 510	01
B. 1.Thesis Research/ IDEA	Master Research or IDEA	30
Total		75

List of Minor Papers for Other Departments

Sr. No.	Course Code	Course Name	Allotted Credit Hours	Sem.
1	AGR-501	Modern Concepts in Crop Production	3(3+0)	1st
2	AGR-504	Principles and practices of soil fertility and nutrient management	3(2+1)	2nd
3	AGR-507	Principles and Practices of Water Management	2(1+1)	3rd

- Note: - 1. The student has to opt. Minor Courses of Minimum 8 credit hours offer by another department
2. The first course of every semester from the respective department is treated as a Minor for other department.

Detailed syllabus

M.Sc. Agronomy 1st Semester

(AGR 501) Modern Concepts in Crop Production 3(3+0)

Theory

Unit I

Crop growth analysis in relation to environment; geo-ecological zones of India.

Unit II

Quantitative agro-biological principles and inverse yield nitrogen law; Mitscherlich yield equation, its interpretation and applicability; Baule unit.

Unit III

Effect of lodging in cereals; physiology of grain yield in cereals; optimization of plant population and planting geometry in relation to different resources, concept of ideal plant type and crop modeling for desired crop yield.

Unit IV

Scientific principles of crop production; crop response production functions; concept of soil plant relations; yield and environmental stress, use of growth hormones and regulators for better adaptation in stressed condition.

Unit V

Integrated farming systems, organic farming, and resource conservation technology including modern concept of tillage; dry farming; determining the nutrient needs for yield potentiality of crop plants, concept of balance nutrition and integrated nutrient management; precision agriculture. Modern crop production concepts: soilless cultivation, Aeroponic, Hydroponic, Robotic and terrace farming. use of GIS, GPS and remote sensing in modern agriculture, precision farming and protected agriculture.

Suggested Reading

- Balasubramanian P and Palaniappan SP. 2001. *Principles and Practices of Agronomy*. Argo bios.
- fageria NK. 1992. *Maximizing Crop Yields*. Marcel Dekker.
- Havlin JL, Beaton JD, Tisdale SL and Nelson WL. 2006. *Soil Fertility and Fertilizers*. 7thEd. Prentice Hall.
- Paroda R.S. 2003. *Sustaining our Food Security*. Konark Publ.
- Reddy SR. 2000. *Principles of Crop Production*. Kalyani Publ.
- Sankaran S and Mudaliar TVS. 1997. *Principles of Agronomy*. The Bangalore Printing & Publ.
- Singh SS. 2006. *Principles and Practices of Agronomy*. Kalyani.
- Alvin PT and Kozlowski TT (ed.). 1976. *Ecophysiology of Tropical Crops*. Academia Pul., New York.
- Gardner PP, Pearce GR and Mitchell RL. 1985. *Physiology of Crop Plants*. Scientific Pub. Jodhpur.
- Lal R. 1989. *Conservation tillage for sustainable agriculture: Tropics versus Temperate Environments*. *Advances in Agronomy* 42: 85-197.
- Wilsie CP. 1961. *Crop Adaptation and Distribution*. Eurasia Pub., New Delhi.

Theory**Unit I**

Weed biology, and ecology and classification, crop-weed competition including allelopathy; principles and methods of weed control and classification management; weed indices, weed shift in different eco-systems

Unit II

Herbicide's introduction and history of their development; classification based on chemical, physiological application and selectivity; mode and mechanism of action of herbicides.

Unit III

Herbicide structure - activity relationship; factors affecting the efficiency of herbicides; herbicide formulations, herbicide mixtures, sequential application of herbicides, rotation; weed control through use of nano-herbicides and bio-herbicides, myco-herbicides bio-agents, and allelochemicals; movement of herbicides in soil and plant, Degradation of herbicides in soil and plants; herbicide resistance, residue, persistence and management; development of herbicide resistance in weeds and crops and their management, herbicide combination and rotation.

Unit IV

Weed management in major crops and cropping systems; alien, invasive and parasitic weeds and their management; weed shifts in cropping systems; aquatic and perennial weed control; weed control in non-crop area.

Unit V

Integrated weed management; recent development in weed management- robotics, use of drones and aero planes, organic etc., cost: benefit analysis of weed management.

Practical

- Identification of important weeds of different crops, Preparation of a weed herbarium, weed survey in crops and cropping systems, Crop-weed competition studies, Weed indices calculation and interpretation with data, Preparation of spray solutions of herbicides for high and low-volume sprayers, Use of various types of spray pumps and nozzles and calculation of swath width, Economics of weed control, Herbicide resistance analysis in plant and soil,
- Bioassay of herbicide resistance residues,
- Calculation of herbicidal herbicide requirement

Suggested Reading

- Böger, Peter, Wakabayashi, Ko, Hirai, Kenji (Eds.). 2002. *Herbicide Classes in Development. Mode of Action, Targets, Genetic Engineering, Chemistry*. Springer.
- Chauhan B and Mahajan G. 2014. *Recent Advances in Weed Management*. Springer
- Das TK. 2008. *Weed Science: Basics and Applications*, Jain Brothers (New Delhi).
- Fennimore, Steven A and Bell, Carl. 2014. *Principles of Weed Control*, 4th Ed, California Weed Sci. Soc.
- Gupta OP. 2007. *Weed Management: Principles and Practices*, 2nd Ed.
- Jugular, Mithila (ed). 2017. *Biology, Physiology and Molecular Biology of Weeds*. CRC Press
- Monaco TJ, Weller SC and Ashton FM. 2014. *Weed Science Principles and Practices*, Wiley
- Powles SB and Shaner DL. 2001. *Herbicide Resistance and World Grains*, CRC Press.
- Walia US. 2006. *Weed Management*, Kalyani.
- Zimdahl RL. (ed). 2018. *Integrated Weed Management for Sustainable Agriculture*, B. D.Sc. Pub.

Theory

Origin and history, area and production, classification, improved varieties, adaptability, climate, soil, water and cultural requirements, nutrition, quality component, handling and processing of the produce for maximum production of:

Unit I

Rabi oilseeds – Rapeseed and mustard, Linseed and Niger

Unit II

Kharif oilseeds - Groundnut, Sesame, Castor, Sunflower, Soybean and Safflower

Unit III

Fiber crops - Cotton, Jute, Ramie and Mesta.

Unit IV

Sugar crops – Sugar-beet and Sugarcane.

Practical

- Planning and layout of field experiments
- Cutting of sugarcane setts, its treatment and methods of sowing, tying and propping of sugarcane
- Determination of cane maturity and calculation on purity percentage, recovery percentage and sucrose content in cane juice phenological studies at different growth stages of crop
- Intercultural operations in different crops
- Cotton seed treatment
- Working out growth indices (CGR, RGR, NAR, LAI, LAD, LAR, LWR, SLA, SL W etc.)
- Assessment of land use and yield advantage (Rotational intensity, Cropping intensity, Diversity Index, Sustainable Yield Index Crop Equivalent Yield, Land Equivalent ratio, Aggressiveness, Relative Crowding Coefficient, Competition Ratio and ATER etc.)
- Judging of physiological maturity in different crops and working out harvest index
- Working out cost of cultivation of different crops
- Estimation of crop yield on the basis of yield attributes
- Formulation of cropping schemes for various farm sizes and calculation of cropping and rotational intensities
- Determination of oil content in oilseeds and computation of oil yield
- Estimation of quality of fiber of different fiber crops
- Study of seed production techniques in various crops
- Visit of field experiments on cultural, fertilizer, weed control and water management aspects
- Visit to nearby villages for identification of constraints in crop production

Suggested Reading

- Das NR. 2007. *Introduction to Crops of India*. Scientific Publ.
- Das PC. 1997. *Oilseed Crops of India*. Kalyani.
- Lakshmikantam N. 1983. *Technology in Sugarcane Growing*. 2nd Ed. Oxford & IBH.
- Prasad Rajendra. 2002. *Text Book of Field Crop Production*. ICAR.
- Singh C, Singh P & Singh R. 2003. *Modern Techniques of Raising Field Crops*. Oxford & IBH.
- Singh SS. 1998. *Crop Management*. Kalyani.

(AST 501) Experimental Designs 3(2+1)

Theory

Unit I

Need for designing of experiments, characteristics of a good design. Basic principles of designs- randomization, replication and local control.

Unit II

Uniformity trials, size and shape of plots and blocks, Analysis of variance, completely randomized design, randomized block design and Latin square design.

Unit III

Factorial experiments, (symmetrical as well as asymmetrical). orthogonality and partitioning of degrees of freedom. Concept of confounding.

Unit IV

Split plot and strip plot designs, analysis of covariance and missing plot techniques in randomized block and Latin square designs; Transformations, Balanced Incomplete Block Design, resolvable designs and their applications,

Unit V

Lattice design, alpha design - concepts, randomization procedure, analysis and interpretation of results. Response surfaces. Combined analysis.

Practical

- Uniformity trial data analysis, formation of plots and blocks, Fairfield Smith Law, Analysis of data obtained from CRD, RBD, LSD, Analysis of factorial experiments,
- Analysis with missing data,
- Split plot and strip plot designs.

Suggested Reading

- Cochran WG and Cox GM. 1957. *Experimental Designs*. 2nd Ed. John Wiley.
- Dean AM and Voss D. 1999. *Design and Analysis of Experiments*. Springer.
- Montgomery DC. 2012. *Design and Analysis of Experiments*, 8th Ed. John Wiley.
- Federer WT. 1985. *Experimental Designs*. MacMillan.
- Fisher RA. 1953. *Design and Analysis of Experiments*. Oliver & Boyd.
- Nigam AK and Gupta VK. 1979. *Handbook on Analysis of Agricultural Experiments*. IASRI Publ.
- Pearce SC. 1983. *The Agricultural Field Experiment: A Statistical Examination of Theory and Practice*. John Wiley.
- www.drs.icar.gov.in.

(PGS 501) BASIC CONCEPTS IN LABORATORY TECHNIQUES 1(0+1)

Practical

- Safety measures while in Lab;
- Handling of chemical substances;
- Use of burettes, pipettes, measuring cylinders, flasks, separatory funnel, condensers, micropipettes and vaccumeters;
- Washing, drying and sterilization of glassware;
- Drying of solvents/ chemicals;
- Weighing and preparation of solutions of different strengths and their dilution;
- Handling techniques of solutions;

- Preparation of different agro-chemical doses in field and pot applications;
- Preparation of solutions of acids;
- Neutralization of acid and bases;
- Preparation of buffers of different strengths and pH values;
- Use and handling of microscope, laminar flow, vacuum pumps, viscometer, thermometer, magnetic stirrer, micro-ovens, incubators, sand bath, water bath, oil bath
- Electric wiring and earthing;
- Preparation of media and methods of sterilization;
- Seed viability testing, testing of pollen viability;
- Tissue culture of crop plants;
- Description of flowering plants in botanical terms in relation to taxonomy.

Suggested Readings

- Furr AK. 2000. *CRC Hand Book of Laboratory Safety*. CRC Press
- Gabb MH and Latcham WE. 1968. *A Handbook of Laboratory Solutions*. Chemical Publ. Co.

(PGS 502) Intellectual Property and Its Management in Agriculture 1(1+0)

Theory

Historical perspectives and need for the introduction of Intellectual Property Right regime; TRIPs and various provisions in TRIPs Agreement; Intellectual Property and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), benefits of securing IPRs; Indian Legislations for the protection of various types of Intellectual Properties; Fundamentals of patents, copyrights, geographical indications, designs and layout, trade secrets and traditional knowledge, trademarks, protection of plant varieties and farmers' right and biodiversity protection; Protectable subject matters, protection in biotechnology, protection of other biological materials, ownership and period of protection; National Biodiversity protection initiatives; Convention on Biological Diversity; International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture; Licensing of technologies, Material transfer agreements, Research collaboration Agreement, License Agreement.

Suggested Readings

- Er Bisch FH and Maredia K. 1998. *Intellectual Property Rights in Agricultural Biotechnology*. CABI.
- Ganguli P. 2001. *Intellectual Property Rights: Unleashing Knowledge Economy*. McGraw-Hill.
- *Intellectual Property Rights: Key to New Wealth Generation*. 2001. NRDC and Aesthetic Technologies.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. 2004. *State of Indian Farmer*. Vol. Technology Generation and IPR Issues. Academic Foundation.
- Rothschild M and Scott N. (Ed.). 2003. *Intellectual Property Rights in Animal Breeding and Genetics*. CABI.
- Saha R. (Ed.). 2006. *Intellectual Property Rights in NAM and Other Developing Countries: A Compendium on Law and Policies*. Daya Publ. House.
- The Indian Acts - Patents Act, 1970 and amendments; Design Act, 2000; Trademarks Act, 1999; The Copyright Act, 1957 and amendments; Layout Design Act, 2000;
- PPV and FR Act 2001, and Rules 2003; The Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

2nd Semester

(AGR 504) Principles and practices of soil fertility and nutrient management 3(2+1)

Theory

Unit I

Soil fertility and productivity - factors affecting; features of good soil management; problems of supply and availability of nutrients; relation between nutrient supply and crop growth; organic farming - basic concepts and definitions.

Unit II

Criteria of essentiality of nutrients; Essential plant nutrients – their functions, nutrient deficiency symptoms; transformation and dynamics of major plant nutrients.

Unit III

Preparation and use of farmyard manure, compost, green manures, vermicompost, biofertilizers and other organic concentrates their composition, availability and crop responses; recycling of organic wastes and residue management. Soil less cultivation.

Unit IV

Commercial fertilizers; composition, relative fertilizer value and cost; crop response to different nutrients, residual effects and fertilizer use efficiency; agronomic, chemical and physiological, fertilizer mixtures and grades; methods of increasing fertilizer use efficiency; nutrient interactions.

Unit V

Time and methods of manures and fertilizers application; foliar application and its concept; relative performance of organic and inorganic nutrients; economics of fertilizer use; integrated nutrient management; use of Vermi compost and residue wastes in crops.

Practical

- Determination of soil pH and soil EC
- Determination of soil organic C
- Determination of available N, P, K and S of soil
- Determination of total N, P, K and S of soil
- Determination of total N, P, K, S in plant
- Computation of optimum and economic yield

Suggested Reading

- Brady NC and Weil RR. 2002. The Nature and Properties of Soils. 13th Ed. Pearson Edu.
- Fageria NK, Baligar VC and Jones CA. 1991. Growth and Mineral Nutrition of Field Crops Marcel

Dekker.

- Havlin JL, Beaton JD, Tisdale SL and Nelson WL. 2006. Soil Fertility and Fertilizers.thEd. Prentice Hall.
- Prasad R and Power JF. 1997. Soil Fertility Management for Sustainable Agriculture.CRCPress.
- Yawalkar KS, Agrawal JP and Bokde S. 2000. Manures and Fertilizers. Agri-Horti Publ

(AGR 505) Agronomy of Major Cereals and Pulses 3(2+1)

Theory

Origin and history, area and production, classification, improved varieties, adaptability, climate, soil, water and cultural requirements, nutrition, quality components, handling and processing of the produce for maximum production of:

Unit I: *Rabi* cereals.

Unit II: *Kharif* cereals.

Unit III: *Rabi* pulses.

Unit IV: *Kharif* pulses.

Practical

- Phenological studies at different growth stages of crop
- Estimation of crop yield on the basis of yield attributes
- Formulation of cropping schemes for various farm sizes and calculation of cropping and rotational intensities
- Working out growth indices (CGR, RGR, NAR, LAI, LAD, LAR, LWR, SLA, SLWetc)
- Assessment of land use and yield advantage (Rotational intensity, Cropping intensity, Diversity Index, Sustainable Yield Index Crop Equivalent Yield, Land Equivalent ration, Aggressiveness, Relative Crowding Coefficient, Competition Ratio and ATER etc.)
- Estimation of protein content in pulses
- Planning and layout of field experiments
- Judging of physiological maturity in different crops
- Intercultural operations in different crops
- Determination of cost of cultivation of different crops
- Working out harvest index of various crops
- Study of seed production techniques in selected crops
- Visit of field experiments on cultural, fertilizer, weed control and water management aspects
- Visit to nearby villages for identification of constraints in crop production

Resources

- Das NR. 2007. *Introduction to Crops of India*. Scientific Publ.
- Hunsigi G and Krishna KR. 1998. *Science of Field Crop Production*. Oxford & IBH.
- Jeswani LM and Baldev B. 1997. *Advances in Pulse Production Technology*. iCAR.
- Khare D and Bhale MS. 2000. *Seed Technology*. Scientific Publ.
- Kumar Ranjeet and Singh NP. 2003. *Maize Production in India: Golden Grain in Transition*.IARI, New Delhi.
- Pal M, Deka J and Rai RK. 1996. *Fundamentals of Cereal Crop Production*. Tata McGrawHill.
- Prasad Rajendra. 2002. *Text Book of Field Crop Production*. ICAR.
- Singh C, Singh P and Singh R. 2003. *Modern Techniques of Raising field Crops*. Oxford &IBH.
- Singh SS. 1998. *Crop Management*. Kalyani.

(AGR 506) Agrostology and Agro-Forestry 2(1+1)

Theory

Unit I

Agrostology: definition and importance; principles of grassland ecology: grassland ecology –community, climax, dominant species, succession, biotype, ecological status of grasslands in India, grass cover of India; problems and management of grasslands.

Unit II

Importance, classification (various criteria), scope, status and research needs of pastures; pasture establishment, their improvement and renovation-natural pastures, cultivated pastures; common pasture grasses.

Unit III

Agroforestry: definition and importance; Agroforestry systems, agrisilviculture, silvipasture, agrisilvipasture, agrihorticulture, aquasilviculture, alley cropping and energy plantation.

Unit IV

Crop production technology in agro-forestry and agrostology system; silvipastoral system: meaning and importance for wasteland development; selection of species, planting methods and problems of seed germination in agro-forestry systems;

Unit V

Irrigation and manuring in agro-forestry systems, associative influence in relation to above ground and underground interferences; lopping and coppicing in agroforestry systems; social acceptability and economic viability, nutritive value of trees; tender operation; desirable tree characteristics.

Practical

- Preparation of charts and maps of India showing different types of pastures and agroforestry systems
- Identification of seeds and plants of common grasses, legumes and trees of
- Economic importance with reference to agro-forestry
- Seed treatment for better germination of farm vegetation
- Methods of propagation/ planting of grasses and trees in silvipastoral system
- Fertilizer application in strip and silvipastoral systems
- After-care of plantation
- Estimation of protein content in loppings of important fodder trees
- Estimation of calorie value of wood of important fuel trees
- Estimation of total biomass and fuel wood
- Economics of agro-forestry
- Visit to important agro-forestry research stations

Suggested Reading

- Chatterjee BN and Das PK. 1989. Forage Crop Production. Principles and Practices. Oxford & IBH.
- Dabadghao PM and Shankaranarayan KA. 1973. The Grass Cover in India. ICAR.
- Dwivedi AP. 1992. Agroforestry- Principles and Practices. Oxford & IBH.
- Indian Society of Agronomy. 1989. Agroforestry System in India. Research and Development, New Delhi.
- Narayan TR and Dabadghao PM. 1972. Forage Crop of India. ICAR, New Delhi.

(AST 502) Data Analysis Using Statistical Packages 3(2+1)

Theory

Unit I

Introduction to various statistical packages: Excel, R, SAS, SPSS. Data Preparation; Descriptive statistics; Graphical representation of data, Exploratory data analysis.

Unit II

Test for normality; Testing of hypothesis using chi-square, t and F statistics and Z-test.

Unit III

Data preparation for ANOVA and ANCOVA, Factorial Experiments, contrast analysis, multiple comparisons, Analyzing crossed and nested classified designs.

Unit IV

Analysis of mixed models; Estimation of variance components; Correlation and regression analysis, Probit, Logit and Tobit Models.

Unit V

Discriminant function; Factor analysis; Principal component analysis; Analysis of time series data, Fitting of non-linear models; Neural networks.

Practical

- Use of software packages for summarization and tabulation of data, obtaining descriptive statistics, graphical representation of data
- Testing the hypothesis for one sample t-test, two sample t-test, paired t-test, test for large samples - Chi-squares test, F test, one-way analysis of variance;
- Designs for Factorial Experiments, fixed effect models, random effect models, mixed effect models, estimation of variance components;
- Linear regression, Multiple regression, Regression plots
- Discriminant analysis - fitting of discriminant functions, identification of important variables
- Factor analysis. Principal component analysis - obtaining principal component.

Suggested Reading

- Anderson C.W. and Loynes R.M. 1987. The Teaching of Practical Statistics. John Wiley.
- Atkinson A.C. 1985. Plots Transformations and Regression. Oxford University Press.
- Chambers J.M., Cleveland W.S., Kleiner B and Tukey P.A. 1983. Graphical Methods for Data Analysis. Wadsworth, Belmont, California.
- Chatfield C. 1983. Statistics for Technology. 3rd Ed. Chapman & Hall. Chatfield C. 1995. Problem Solving: A Statistician's Guide. Chapman & Hall.
- Cleveland W.S. 1985. The Elements of Graphing Data. Wadsworth, Belmont, California.
- Ehrenberg ASC. 1982. A Primer in Data Reduction. John Wiley.
- Erickson B.H. and Nosan Chuk T.A. 1992. Understanding Data. 2nd Ed. Open University Press, Milton Keynes.
- Snell E.J. and Simpson HR. 1991. Applied Statistics: A Handbook of GENSTAT Analyses. Chapman and Hall.
- Sprent P. 1993. Applied Non-parametric Statistical Methods. 2nd Ed. Chapman & Hall.
- Tufte ER. 1983. The Visual Display of Quantitative Information. Graphics Press, Cheshire, Conn.
- Velleman PF and Hoaglin DC. 1981. Application, Basics and Computing of Exploratory Data Analysis. Duxbury Press.
- Weisberg S. 1985. Applied Linear Regression. John Wiley.
- Wetherill GB. 1982. Elementary Statistical Methods. Chapman & Hall.

(PGS 503)- Agricultural Research, Research Ethics and Rural Development Programmes 1 (1+0)

Theory:

UNIT I

History of agriculture in brief; Global agricultural research system: need, scope, opportunities; Role in promoting food security, reducing poverty and protecting the environment; National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) and Regional Agricultural Research Institutions;

UNIT II

Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR): International Agricultural Research Centers (IARC), partnership with NARS, role as a partner in the global agricultural research system, strengthening capacities at national and regional levels; International fellowships for scientific mobility.

UNIT III

Research ethics: research integrity, research safety in laboratories, welfare of animals used in research, computer ethics,

standards and problems in research ethics.

UNIT IV

Concept and connotations of rural development, rural development policies and strategies. Rural development Programmes: Community Development Programme, Intensive Agricultural District Programme, Special group – Area Specific Programme, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Panchayati-Raj Institutions, Co-operatives, Voluntary Agencies/ Non-Governmental Organizations.

UNIT V

Critical evaluation of rural development policies and Programmes. Constraints in implementation of rural policies and Programmes.

Suggested Readings

- Bhalla GS and Singh G. 2001. Indian Agriculture - Four Decades of Development. Sage Publ.
- Punia MS. Manual on International Research and Research Ethics. CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar.
- Rao BSV. 2007. Rural Development Strategies and Role of Institutions - Issues, Innovations and Initiatives. Mittal Publ.
- Singh K. 1998. Rural Development - Principles, Policies and Management. Sage Publ

(PGS 504) -Library and Information Services 1(0+1)

Practical

Introduction to library and its services; Role of libraries in education, research and technology transfer; Classification systems and organization of library; Sources of information- Primary Sources, Secondary Sources and Tertiary Sources; Intricacies of abstracting and indexing services (Science Citation Index, Biological Abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, CABI Abstracts, etc.); Tracing information from reference sources; Literature survey; Citation techniques/ Preparation of bibliography; Use of CD-ROM Databases, Online Public Access Catalogue and other computerized library services; Use of Internet including search engines and its resources; resources access methods.

3rdSemester

(AGR 507) Principles and Practices of water Management 3(2+1)

Theory

Unit I

Water and its role in plants; Irrigation: Definition and objectives, water resources and irrigation development in of India and concerned state, major irrigation projects, extent of area and crops irrigated in India and in different states.

Unit II

Field water cycle, water movement in soil and plants; transpiration; soil-water plant relationships; water absorption by plants; plant response to water stress, crop plant adaptation to moisture stress condition. Water availability and its relationship with nutrient availability and losses.

Unit III

Soil, plant and meteorological factors determining water needs of crops, scheduling, depth and methods of irrigation; micro irrigation systems; deficit irrigation; fertigation; management of water in controlled environments and polyhouses. Irrigation efficiency and water use efficiency.

Unit IV

Water management of crop and cropping system, Quality of irrigation water and management of saline water for irrigation, water use efficiency, Crop water requirement- estimation of ET and effective rainfall; Water management of the major crops and cropping systems. Automated irrigation system.

Unit V

Excess of soil water and plant growth; water management in problem soils, drainage requirement of crops and methods of field drainage, their layout and spacing; rain water management and its utilization for crop production. Quality of irrigation water and management of saline water for irrigation, water management in problem soils Soil moisture conservation, water harvesting, rain water management and its utilization for crop production, Hydroponics, Water management of crops under climate change scenario.

Practical

- Determination of Field capacity by field method
- Determination of Permanent Wilting Point by sunflower pot culture technique
- Determination of Field capacity and Permanent Wilting Point by Pressure Plate Apparatus
- Determination of Hygroscopic Coefficient
- Determination of maximum water holding capacity of soil
- Measurement of matric potential using gauge and mercury type tensiometer
- Determination of soil-moisture characteristics curves
- Determination of saturated hydraulic conductivity by constant and falling head method
- Determination of hydraulic conductivity of saturated soil below the water table by auger hole method
- Measurement of soil water diffusivity
- Estimation of unsaturated hydraulic conductivity

(AGR 508)

Dryland Farming & Watershed Management

3(2+1)

Theory

Unit I

Definition, concept and characteristics of dry land farming; dry land versus rainfed farming; significance and dimensions of dry land farming in Indian agriculture.

Unit II

Soil and climatic parameters with special emphasis on rainfall characteristics; constraints limiting crop production in dry land areas; types of drought, characterization of environment for water availability; crop planning for erratic and aberrant weather conditions.

Unit III

Stress physiology and resistance to drought, adaptation of crop plants to drought, Physical Sciences: Agronomy drought management strategies; preparation of appropriate crop plans for dry land areas; mid contingent plan for aberrant weather conditions.

Unit IV

Tillage, tillage, frequency and depth of cultivation, compaction in soil tillage; concept of conservation tillage; tillage in relation to weed control and moisture conservation; techniques and practices of soil moisture conservation (use of mulches, kinds, effectiveness and economics); antitranspirants; soil and crop management techniques, seeding and efficient fertilizer use.

Unit V

Concept of watershed resource management, problems, approach and components.

Practical

- Method of Seed Priming
- Determination of moisture content of germination of important dryland crops
- Determination of Relative Water Content and Saturation Deficit of Leaf
- Moisture stress effects and recovery behavior of important crops
- Estimation of Potential ET by Thornthwaite method
- Estimation of Reference ET by Penman Monteith Method
- Classification of climate by Thornthwaite method (based on moisture index, humidity index and aridity index)
- Classification of climate by Koppen Method
- Estimation of water balance by Thornthwaite method
- Estimation of water balance by FAO method
- Assessment of drought
- Estimation of length of growing period
- Estimation of probability of rain and crop planning for different drought condition
- Spray of anti-transparent and their effect on crops
- Water use efficiency
- Visit to dryland research stations and watershed projects

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(AGR 509)

Agronomy of Fodder and Forage Crops

2(2+0)

Theory

Unit I

Adaptation, distribution, varietal improvement, agro-techniques and quality aspects including anti-quality factors of important fodder crops like sorghum, maize, *bajra*, *guar*, cowpea, oats, barley, berseem, *senji*, lucerne, etc.

Unit II

Adaptation, distribution, varietal improvement, agro-techniques and quality aspects including anti-quality factors of important forage crops/grasseslime, Napier grass, *Panicum*, *Lasiurus*, *Cenchrus*, etc.

Unit III

Year-round fodder production and management, preservation and utilization of forage and pasture crops.

Unit IV

Principles and methods of hay and silage making; chemical and biochemical changes, nutrient losses and factors affecting quality of hay and silage; use of physical and chemical enrichments and biological methods for improving nutrition; value addition of poorquality fodder. Fodder production through hydroponics. Azolla cultivation.

Unit V

Economics of forage cultivation uses and seed production techniques of important fodder crops.

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- Das NR. 2007. *Introduction to Crops of India*. Scientific Publ.
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- Singh P and Srivastava AK. 1990. *Forage Production Technology*. IGFRI, Jhansi.
- Singh C, Singh P and Singh R. 2003. *Modern Techniques of Raising Field Crops*. Oxford & IBH.
- Tejwani KG. 1994. *Agroforestry in India*. Oxford & IBH.

(PGS 505) Technical Writing and Communications Skills 1(0+1)

Practical (Technical Writing)

- Various forms of scientific writings- theses, technical papers, reviews, manuals, etc.;
- Various parts of thesis and research communications (title page, authorship contents page, preface, introduction, review of literature, material and methods, experimental results and discussion);
- Writing of abstracts, summaries, précis, citations, etc.; Commonly used abbreviations in the theses and research communications;
- Illustrations, photographs and drawings with suitable captions; pagination, numbering of tables and illustrations;
- Writing of numbers and dates in scientific write-ups;
- Editing and proof-reading;
- Writing of a review article;
- Communication Skills - Grammar (Tenses, parts of speech, clauses, punctuation marks);
- Error analysis (Common errors), Concord, Collocation, Phonetic symbols and transcription; Accentual pattern: Weak forms in connected speech;
- Participation in group discussion;
- Facing an interview; Presentation of scientific papers.

Suggested Readings

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- Wren PC and Martin H. 2006. *High School English Grammar and Composition*. S. Chand & Co.

4th Semester

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(AGR- 511 A)	Master Research (Thesis)	30
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(AGR- 511 B) IDEA (Internship for Development of Entrepreneurship In Agriculture) 30