

Introduction to Turfgrass Science and Industry

Department of Crop and Soil Sciences

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Assessments:

Students will be required to write a field trip report or a laboratory summary at the end of each field trip or laboratory to evaluate their understanding of the turf sector. In addition, students will be required to work together in groups to research one particular aspect of the turfgrass industry. The group will be expected to make an oral presentation to the class based on their findings and submit a written report. There are no exams.

Course Objectives:

- Introduce students to turfgrass sciences and career opportunities.
- Provide students with an understanding of the structure and function of the professional turfgrass industry.
- Develop teamwork, research, writing, and presentation skills through the process of developing and presenting a group project.

Course Structure:

The course consists of a weekly 3-hour laboratory period. This time will be used primarily for field trips to meet industry professionals and visit various operations within the turfgrass industry including golf, lawn care, sod production, sports turf and related facilities, as well as for invited guest speakers from the industry and group project interactions.

