Sustainable Crops Production

There is a national emerging interest in local food systems that includes farmers’ markets, community-supported agriculture, food co-ops, and direct sales from the farm. In addition, the consumer’s desire for a safe and secure food supply and for environmentally-sound production methods has created a need for more local production of sustainable horticultural food crops.

This field of study is designed to help an individual develop the skills to produce horticultural food crops using eco-friendly methods. Studies include sustainable production methods of vegetables, small fruits, tree fruits, cut flowers, herbs and other niche crops. Season extension and year-round market gardening are emphasized. In addition to classroom study, hands-on growing experience and local farm field-trip studies create a unique plan of study for beginning and current direct market producers.

Coursework available in Sustainable Crops Production includes:

- Principles of Horticulture
- Sustainable Horticultural Practices
- Market Gardening – Fall/Winter Production
- Market Gardening – Spring/Summer Production
- Home Gardening - Fruits and Vegetables
- Horticultural Soil Science
- Greenhouse Operations
- Plant Propagation
- Plant Material Identification Courses
- Nursery Management and Operations
- Horticulture Marketing
DEGREES OFFERED:
Associate in Applied Science

- Horticulture Technology
  -- Horticulture Therapy Emphasis
  -- Landscape Contracting Emphasis
  -- Landscape Design Emphasis
  -- Nursery & Greenhouse Production Emphasis
  -- Retail Floristry Emphasis
  -- Sustainable Crops Production Emphasis
- Turfgrass Management

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