



New! Non-Credit Courses in Sustainable Agriculture

Lorain County Community College now offers several non-credit courses in sustainable agriculture. These courses will give you an idea of what sustainable agriculture is and how as individuals and as a society we can incorporate it into our current practices.

Non-Credit Fall Crop Production – NENV 190

Course Description: This skills-based course includes a study of fall sustainable crop production practices, including but not limited to vegetables, culinary and medicinal herbs, and cut flowers. Topics can include harvest methods, soil testing and amendment, marketing and economic viability, and various record keeping procedures, such as those needed for organic certification. Students will gain knowledge of crop production appropriate to the fall season in the Great Lakes bioregion. Course incorporates off-campus outdoor living classrooms and is a service learning course.

Lecture and Lab are both held at the George Jones Farm in Oberlin, Ohio.

Hours of instruction: 50 Registration cost: \$150

Non-Credit Soil Management and Conservation – NENV 191

Course Description: This skills-based course includes a study of soil fertility and management for sustainable crop production. Topics can include soil testing, interpretation of soil test results, composting and soil microbes, cover crops, and other soil conservation/production practices. Students will gain knowledge of soils in the Great Lakes bioregion. Course may incorporate service learning and off-campus living classrooms.

Lecture is held at LCCC main campus. Lab is held at the George Jones Farm in Oberlin, Ohio.

Hours of instruction: 56 Registration cost: \$150

Non-Credit World Views to Support Sustainable Agriculture – NENV 195

Course Description: This elective course provides an ethical framework for sustainable agriculture by outlining current environmental and social justice challenges in a weekend-long symposium. It will review topics such as consumption, peak oil, militarization, environmental justice, social entrepreneurship, public policy and outline various social movements for a sustainable future to benefit humans and the rest of the natural world. Students will gain knowledge of worldviews and ethical stances appropriate to the Great Lakes bioregion.

Course consists of a 1.5 day (15 hour) weekend symposium, which will be held at LCCC main campus.

Registration cost: \$35

For more information about these courses, contact Dr. Ruby Beil, sustainable agriculture Program Coordinator, at (440) 366-7222 or at rbeil@lorainccc.edu.

To register for any of these courses, call the LCCC Records office at (440) 366-4067.

