

Organic Gardening – SARE High school teachers academy

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Sample syllabus

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Course Description: Provides an overview of production related farm management activities and processes. Emphasis is placed on types of plants, designing a planting plan, growing seedlings, greenhouse management systems, plant health indicators, irrigation methods, weed, pest and disease control methods, harvest handling, and equipment types and maintenance.

Credits: 1.5 **Class Schedule & Location:** Meets in person June 9th and July 25th. Meets LIVE via webx on Mondays from June 7th through Aug 2nd from 5:00-6:00 pm. Meets asynchronously (times when you choose) approximately 2 additional hours per week.

Supplies: none

Pre-requisites: none, **Textbook:** New Organic Grower, by Eliot Coleman, Chelsea Green Publishers

Academic Class Cancellation: Class cancellations will be posted as early as possible at: <http://www.nwtc.edu/Lists/CancelClasses/WebView.aspx>. I will also send an e-mail if the weather or other issues cause a cancellation; so check your student e-mail and blackboard announcements.

Coaching at NWTC: Academic Coaching is available for most courses at NWTC. On the Green Bay Campus, visit us at the Student Success Center in SC215 or check us out at www.nwtc.edu/academiccoaching for more information.

COURSE COMPETENCIES: You have the opportunity to learn the following skills in this course:

1. Characterize types of plants.
2. Design a planting plan.
3. Explain process for growing seedlings.
4. Summarize greenhouse management systems.
5. Assess plant health.
6. Explore irrigation methods.
7. Explore cultural practices of organic vegetable production.
8. Summarize weed, pest, and disease control methods used on organic vegetable farms.
9. Analyze harvest handling processes.
10. Examine types and maintenance of farm equipment.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS: In addition to specific job-related training, NWTC has identified transferrable employability skills reaching beyond the context of a specific course. This class addresses the following skills:

<i>Communicate Effectively</i>	<i>Value Individual Differences and Abilities</i>
<i>Work Cooperatively and Professionally</i>	<i>Demonstrate Personal Accountability</i>
<i>Think Critically and Creatively</i>	<i>Demonstrate Community and Global Accountability</i>
<i>Solve Problems Effectively</i>	

Student Responsibilities: As a student of NWTC, you are expected to adhere to the policies of the College, as outlined by the Student Handbook (see below).

- You are responsible for the duties set forth in this class and to communicate any questions, comments or concerns you have to me.
- You are required to monitor your NWTC Student Email account. Acceptable means of communication include e-mail, voicemail or through online discussion forums.
- You are responsible to log into your Starfish portal to monitor your success progress
- You can expect a reply to communication within 1-2 business days

Student Policies: Please refer to the NWTC Student Handbook for further definitions and consequences of these behaviors, available through Student Services, the NWTC Bookstore or by visiting <http://www.nwtc.edu> and click on **Current Students** tab.

Please be fully aware of the following Student Handbook policies:

Academic Integrity (includes Plagiarism, cheating and collusion)	Assessment
Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Statement	Copyright Notice
Student Code of Conduct	Refund Policy
Withdrawal from a Class or Program	Student Rights
Sexual Misconduct (Title IX)	Pregnancy and Childbirth (Title IX)
Accommodation for Religious Beliefs Policy	

NWTC is committed to embracing the worth of every individual and promoting a respectful environment. Discrimination and harassment of protected categories in its employment and educational programs is prohibited. For questions or concerns, contact Mohammed Bey, Director of Diversity & Inclusion/Title IX Coordinator, at (920) 498-6826 or mohammed.bey@nwtc.edu.

Appropriate Use of Technology: When taking online quizzes, it is OK to use class materials but students can't search for answers on the internet. Students should do all their own work and not rely on others to complete the work. No cell phone texting during class. Step out of the room if needed.

Disability Act Statement: NWTC complies with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and makes reasonable accommodations upon request. Please contact Student Accommodations Services for more information regarding the support services available to you, call 920-498-6904.

Syllabus Changes: As your instructor, I retain the right to make changes based on the timeline of the class, feedback from learners and/or logistical issues and will inform you as soon as a change is made.

-Class Calendar: Class activities, assignments, and assessments are located in the "Class Calendar and homework" handout. Each week I list the general topics we cover, activities we'll do, and graded items to be submitted, with the points possible. The calendar may change from the initial one you receive. Please check weekly for calendar updates online if you miss a class

Attendance and Participation: Discussions and interactions are an important part of this course. You must be present in-person or virtually during the LIVE class time. If you cannot be, please let me know at least

24 hours beforehand. Some portions of the LIVE class time may be recorded but this cannot be guaranteed. We will be in the greenhouse, hoop-house and gardens and these sessions will not be recorded.

Grading Policy: Work later than 2 weeks after the due date will not be accepted. See me if extraordinary circumstances result in late work. ***This is a core course in the program and students must earn a C or better to pass the course.** Grading scale: 90% A, 80% B, 70% C, 60% D. Total points for the course are found with the calendar on a separate page. Note that some assignments may change as we adjust the course to the student interests.