

# AGRON 810 Section C – F2025 Syllabus

## Extension Experience In Agronomy

**Meeting time:** by appointment

**Course objective:** Assist students to develop and improve their extension / outreach skills

The course is tailored toward the needs and interests of the student as identified by the student and mentor. The course will include the following three components for all participants.

**Extension Development and Improvement:** The student and mentor will identify extension development or improvement activities that the student will complete during the semester in conjunction with goals the student has to improve their extension presentation. Activities could include helping to develop extension workshops, participating in and/or contributions to on-line training, faculty-led readings, development of a new extension presentation, publication or demonstration activity, development of a new bulletin, etc.

**Implementation:** The student will implement the extension activities developed at a specific outreach event, including a short Q&A session after each presentation with the audience. The audience could be comprised of farmers, county-level extension agents, and crop consultants (CCA credits could be made available for the attendees). Audience members could provide direct feedback during the Q&A session as well as written comments submitted to the meeting hosts and organizers.

**Evaluation and review:** The mentor will meet with the student to review the presentation materials before presenting and discuss aspects of the implementation that were successful and those that were not. They will determine if the extension goals set during the planning were met and will develop a plan to revise and re-implement the plan if needed.

### NOTES:

- AGRON 810 Section C can be used to fill 1 credit of the AGRON 810 requirement for M.S. or Ph.D. programs of study.
- Enrollment is by instructor permission only.
- Students must complete the following in order to receive permission to enroll:
  - Identify a mentor
  - Develop a written plan addressing all three aspects of the course (Extension Development and Improvement, Implementation, Evaluation and Review).
  - Have the plan approved by the mentor
  - Submit approved plan to course instructor (Dr. Anita Dille)
- Credit will be awarded to students who complete their plan