VITICULTURE AND ENOLOGY (VITE)

VITE 101 Introduction to Wine3 Credits
Introduction to the world of wine and the process involved in making wine from grape to bottle. Explore the winemaking process and different wine styles.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

VITE 105 Agriculture Chemistry3 Credits
Introduction to the fundamental chemistry needed for the winemaking process. Areas covered are designed to focus on chemical concepts used in problem solving/calculation that a student needs for agriculture-related courses.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

VITE 210L Fermentation Science Laboratory1 Credit
Examination of the beneficial and spoilage microorganisms frequently encountered in the vinemaking process. Topics include the growth, morphology, metabolism, and identification of these wine microorganisms.
Corequisites: VITE 210L.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

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VITE 250 Advanced Winemaking I4 Credits
Advanced winemaking course focusing on pre-fermentation through fermentation. Includes fruit selection, pre-harvest analyses, fruit processing, juice additions, yeast selection, inoculation, alcohol and malolactic fermentation, as well as winery hygiene and safety.
Prerequisites: VITE 101 and VITE 210/VITE 210L.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
Fees: Yes.

VITE 255 Viticulture Harvest and Post-Harvest Management2 Credits
Exploration of late summer/fall vineyard operations, including late-season canopy management, pest & disease identification and control, crop estimation, ripening & maturity sampling, harvest and post-harvest management.
Prerequisites: VITE 115/VITE 115L.
Corequisites: VITE 255L.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
Fees: Yes.

VITE 255L Viticulture Harvest and Post-Harvest Management Laboratory1 Credit
Exploration of late summer/fall vineyard operations, including late-season canopy management, pest & disease identification and control, crop estimation, ripening & maturity sampling, harvest and post-harvest management. Lab component required for VITE 255.
Prerequisites: VITE 115/VITE 115L.
Corequisites: VITE 255.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
Fees: Yes.

VITE 260 Science of Winemaking3 Credits
Introduction to winery laboratory practices, including basic chemistry principles, laboratory techniques, and commonly used analysis methods for musts and wines.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.
Fees: Yes.

VITE 265 Wines of the World2 Credits
Introduction to the wine producing regions of the world, including history, viticultural practices, and winemaking styles. Includes wine sensory evaluation of representative wines, basic sensory attributes, palate training and regional food, and wine pairing.
Prerequisites: Must be 18 years of age or older.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
Fees: Yes.

VITE 270 Sensory Analysis of Wine3 Credits
Introduction to sensory analysis specific to wine production, with a focus on taste perception, as well as olfactory and taste transduction mechanisms. The class will focus on differences in specific wine varietals, alcohol fermentation, use of oak in winemaking, malolactic fermentation, wine styles, and individual wine component threshold identification.
Prerequisites: Must be 18 years of age or older.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.
Fees: Yes.

VITE 280 Advanced Winemaking II3 Credits
Advanced winemaking course focusing on post-fermentation wine stewardship techniques, including clarification, fining, stabilization, blending, wine composition, and bottling of wines produced from the fall harvest in VITE 250.
Prerequisites: VITE 250.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.
Fees: Yes.
VITE 295 Independent Study 1-2 Credits
Course may be taken multiple times up to maximum of 6 credit hours.

VITE 299 Winery Internship 3 Credits
Hands-on experience working at a commercial winery for the fall harvest, including grape maturity monitoring, crushing and pressing, fermentation, the handling and storage of new wines, and general cellar practices on a large scale.
Prerequisites: VITE 101 and VITE 210/VITE 210L.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.