**Course Description:**

Students will be introduced to the scientific and technical processes of biofuel/bioenergy production. Learners will evaluate the energy conversion process and methods for optimizing the fermentation process. Students will identify the systems and components employed by fermentation systems and communicate safe handling techniques of biomass, effluent and biogas. Throughout the course, students will evaluate environmental impacts, life-cycle analysis, and economic analysis of bioenergy production.

**Strand 1. Business Operations/21st Century Skills**

Learners apply principles of economics, business management, marketing and employability in an entrepreneur, manager and employee role to the leadership, planning, developing and analyzing of business enterprises related to the career field.

**Outcome: 1.1. Employability Skills**

Develop career awareness and employability skills (e.g., face-to-face, online) needed for gaining and maintaining employment in diverse business settings.

**Competencies**

1.1.1. Identify the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to succeed in careers.

1.1.2. Identify the scope of career opportunities and the requirements for education, training, certification, licensure and experience.

1.1.3. Develop a career plan that reflects career interests, pathways and secondary and postsecondary options.

1.1.4. Describe the role and function of professional organizations, industry associations and organized labor and use networking techniques to develop and maintain professional relationships.

1.1.5. Develop strategies for self-promotion in the hiring process (e.g., filling out job applications, resumé writing, interviewing skills, portfolio development).

1.1.6. Explain the importance of work ethic, accountability and responsibility and demonstrate associated behaviors in fulfilling personal, community and workplace roles.

1.1.7. Apply problem-solving and critical-thinking skills to work-related issues when making decisions and formulating solutions.

1.1.8. Identify the correlation between emotions, behavior and appearance and manage those to establish and maintain professionalism.

1.1.9. Give and receive constructive feedback to improve work habits.

1.1.10. Adapt personal coping skills to adjust to taxing workplace demands.

1.1.11. Recognize different cultural beliefs and practices in the workplace and demonstrate respect for them.

1.1.12. Identify healthy lifestyles that reduce the risk of chronic disease, unsafe habits and abusive behavior.

**Outcome: 1.2. Leadership and Communications**

Process, maintain, evaluate and disseminate information in a business. Develop leadership and team building to promote collaboration.

**Competencies**

1.2.1. Extract relevant, valid information from materials and cite sources of information.

1.2.2. Deliver formal and informal presentations.

1.2.3. Identify and use verbal, nonverbal and active listening skills to communicate effectively.

1.2.4. Use negotiation and conflict-resolution skills to reach solutions.

1.2.5. Communicate information (e.g., directions, ideas, vision, workplace expectations) for an intended audience and purpose.

1.2.6. Use proper grammar and expression in all aspects of communication.

1.2.7. Use problem-solving and consensus-building techniques to draw conclusions and determine next steps.

1.2.8. Identify the strengths, weaknesses and characteristics of leadership styles that influence internal and external workplace relationships.

1.2.9. Identify advantages and disadvantages involving digital and/or electronic communications (e.g., common content for large audience, control of tone, speed, cost, lack of non-verbal cues, potential for forwarding information, longevity).

1.2.10. Use interpersonal skills to provide group leadership, promote collaboration and work in a team.

1.2.11. Write professional correspondence, documents, job applications and resumés.

1.2.12. Use technical writing skills to complete forms and create reports.

1.2.13. Identify stakeholders and solicit their opinions.

1.2.14. Use motivational strategies to accomplish goals.

**Outcome: 1.3. Business Ethics and Law**

Analyze how professional, ethical and legal behavior contributes to continuous improvement in organizational performance and regulatory compliance.

**Competencies**

1.3.1. Analyze how regulatory compliance (e.g., United States Department of Agriculture [USDA], Food and Drug Administration [FDA], United States Department of Interior [USDI], Ohio Livestock Care Standards, water quality standards, local water regulations, building codes) affects business operations and organizational performance.

1.3.2. Follow protocols and practices necessary to maintain a clean, safe and healthy work environment.

1.3.3. Use ethical character traits consistent with workplace standards (e.g., honesty, personal integrity, compassion, justice).

1.3.4. Identify how federal and state consumer protection laws affect products and services.

1.3.5. Access and implement safety compliance measures (e.g., quality assurance information, safety data sheets [SDSs], product safety data sheets [PSDSs], United States Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration [OSHA]) that contribute to the continuous improvement of the organization.

1.3.6. Identify deceptive practices (e.g., bait and switch, identity theft, unlawful door-to-door sales,

deceptive service estimates, fraudulent misrepresentations) and their overall impact on organizational performance.

1.3.8. Verify compliance with computer and intellectual property laws and regulations.

**Outcome: 1.4. Knowledge Management and Information Technology**

Demonstrate current and emerging strategies and technologies used to collect, analyze, record and share information in business operations.

**Competencies**

1.4.2. Select and use software applications to locate, record, analyze and present information (e.g., word processing, e-mail, spreadsheet, databases, presentation, Internet search engines).

1.4.4. Use system hardware to support software applications.

1.4.6. Use an electronic database to access and create business and technical information.

**Outcome: 1.6. Business Literacy**

Develop foundational skills and knowledge in entrepreneurship, financial literacy and business operations.

**Competencies**

1.6.5. Describe organizational structure, chain of command, the roles and responsibilities of the

organizational departments and interdepartmental interactions.

1.6.6. Identify the target market served by the organization, the niche that the organization fills and an outlook of the industry.

1.6.7. Identify the effect of supply and demand on products and services.

1.6.8. Identify the features and benefits that make an organization’s product or service competitive.

**Outcome: 1.10. Sales and Marketing**

Manage pricing, place, promotion, packaging, positioning and public relations to improve quality customer service.

**Competencies**

1.10.2. Determine the customer's needs and identify solutions.

1.10.3. Communicate features, benefits and warranties of a product or service to the customer.

1.10.4. Identify the company policies and procedures for initiating product and service improvements.

1.10.5. Monitor customer expectations and determine product/service satisfaction by using measurement tools.

1.10.6. Discuss the importance of correct pricing to support a product’s or service’s positioning in the

marketing mix.

1.10.7. Describe the importance and diversity of distribution channels (i.e., direct, indirect) to sell a product.

**Outcome: 1.11. Principles of Business Economics**

Examine and employ economic principles, concepts and policies to accomplish organizational goals and objectives.

**Competencies**

1.11.1. Identify the economic principles that guide geographic location of an industry's facilities (e.g., relative scarcity, price, quantity of products and services).

1.11.2. Identify the difference between monetary and nonmonetary incentives and explain how changes in incentives cause changes in behavior.

1.11.4. Determine how the quality, quantity and pricing of goods and services are affected by domestic and international competition in a market economy.

**Outcome: 1.12. Site and Personal Safety Procedures**

Follow site and personal safety procedures in specific situations with specialized tools and equipment, evaluate the situation and take corrective action.

**Competencies**

1.12.1. Use Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) defined procedures for identifying employer and employee responsibilities, working in confined spaces, managing worker safety programs, using ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs), maintaining clearance and boundaries and labeling.

1.12.2. Interpret safety signs and symbols.

1.12.4. Describe how working under the influence of drugs and alcohol increases the risk of accident, lowers productivity, raises insurance costs and reduces profits.

1.12.5. Identify the location of emergency flush showers, eyewash fountains, Safety Data Sheets (SDSs), fire alarms and exits.

1.12.6. Identify procedures for the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous materials.

1.12.7. Select, use, store, maintain and dispose of personal protective equipment (PPE), appropriate to job tasks, conditions and materials.

1.12.8. Identify safety hazards and take corrective measures.

1.12.9. Identify, inspect and use safety equipment appropriate for the task.

1.12.10. Follow established procedures for the administration of first aid and contact emergency medical personnel when necessary.

1.12.14. Identify the source of electrical hazards and use shutdown and established lock-out/tag-out

procedures.

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| X | Natural Resource Management |  | Power Technology | |  |  | | |
| **Green Practices** |  | Green-specific |  | Context-dependent | |  | Does not apply | | |

**Strand 3. Biotechnology**

Learners apply the skills and knowledge of interpreting laboratory requests, using protective clothing and hazardous material containment, specimen collection procedures, a variety of laboratory testing and techniques, and maintenance of laboratory equipment and supplies.

**Outcome: 3.1. Handling, Preparation, Storage and Disposal**

Handle, prepare, transport, store and dispose of specimens using procedures that minimize disturbance to the test specimen. Monitor, record and maintain the integrity of equipment and instrumentation, environmental conditions of the facility and the inventory.

**Competencies**

3.1.1. Prepare and interpret labels for chemicals, supplies and equipment.

3.1.2. Use chemical references to identify hazards associated with handling and storing chemicals.

3.1.3. Neutralize acids, bases or caustic solutions for handling and disposal.

3.1.4. Sample, monitor and record the environmental conditions of the facility (e.g., air quality, temperature, microbial contaminations).

3.1.5. Describe the purpose of common laboratory equipment.

3.1.7. Select personal protective attire for various laboratory protocols.

3.1.8. Differentiate between primary and secondary barriers.

**Outcome: 3.2. Foundations of Chemistry**

Perform a systematic and methodical application of general and organic chemistry principles to examine structures, their functions, their binding to other molecules and the methodologies for their purity and characterization.

**Competencies**

3.2.2. Use the periodic table to describe atomic structure and to characterize molecules based on functional groups.

3.2.3. Differentiate between organic and inorganic compounds.

3.2.4. Use common and chemical nomenclature for organic and inorganic materials.

3.2.7. Describe chemical bonding and bond types, including ionic and covalent and the relationships that they have with the physical state of materials.

3.2.8. Apply the concepts of stoichiometry and the laws of thermodynamics to chemical reactions.

3.2.9. Balance chemical reactions.

3.2.10. Identify materials that can be used as a catalyst.

3.2.13. Use and calibrate precision weighing and measuring techniques (e.g., analytical balance,

micropipette), based on the metric system.

3.2.14. Calibrate volumetric glassware (e.g., pipets, volumetric flasks and burets).

3.2.15. Calculate errors in various measurements, based on data acquired using common laboratory

equipment.

3.2.16. Apply standard rules for determining the number of significant figures in measurements and in the answers to corresponding calculations.

3.2.17. Convert units of measure from English to metric and within the metric system.

3.2.18. Calculate the volume, temperature and pressure of gases using the ideal gas law, Charles' Law and Boyle's Law.

**Outcome: 3.2. Foundations of Chemistry**

Perform a systematic and methodical application of general and organic chemistry principles to examine structures, their functions, their binding to other molecules and the methodologies for their purity and characterization.

**Competencies**

3.2.2. Use the periodic table to describe atomic structure and to characterize molecules based on functional groups.

**Outcome: 3.7. Bioreactor Technologies**

Describe and perform bioreactor and fermentation procedures (e.g., sterilization, microfiltration).

**Competencies**

3.7.1. Maintain, classify and analyze types and classes of bioreactors and associated materials.

3.7.2. Explain the principles and importance of sterility in industrial fermentations.

3.7.8. Describe the sources and forms of energy, the relationship between heat and temperature, how heat is transferred and the factors that affect the rates of reaction in processing.

3.7.9. Describe the functions and physical properties of simple and complex carbohydrates, lipids and proteins in the fermentation process.

3.7.10. Describe the roles of enzymes as catalysts and the factors that affect enzyme activity in the

fermentation process.

3.7.11. Describe the relationship of oxygen transfer rates to mass transfer.

**Outcome: 3.8. Research and Experiments**

Conduct a problem-based study, applying scientific methodology and using descriptive statistics to communicate and support predictions and conclusions.

**Competencies**

3.8.1. Identify research problems and structure a statistical experiment, simulation or study related to the problem.

3.8.2. Design a research plan, including the significance of the problem, purpose, variables, hypotheses, objectives, methods of study and a list of materials.

3.8.3. Distinguish between dependent, independent and control variables in an experiment.

3.8.4. Establish and implement procedures for systematic collection, organization and use of data.

3.8.5. Select and apply sampling methods that appropriately represent the population to be studied.

3.8.6. Define the concepts of confidence limit and significant figures.

3.8.7. Document results of the experiment in a laboratory notebook, including a statement of purpose, experimental designs, observations, results, conclusions and next steps.

3.8.8. Compute measures of central tendency and dispersion to interpret results and draw conclusions.

3.8.9. Describe the relationships among variables using correlations and draw conclusions.

3.8.10. Create, interpret and use tabular and graphical displays and describe the data.

3.8.11. Draw conclusions based on observations and data analyses, recognizing that experimental results must be open to the scrutiny of others.

3.8.12. Prepare and present findings using scientific reports.

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| **Green Practices** |  | Green-specific |  | Context-dependent | |  | Does not apply | | |

**Strand 6. Environmental Science**

Learners apply earth, life, and physical sciences to the production, extraction, processing, protection, use, and renewal of both renewable and non-renewable resources.

**Outcome: 6.8. Contaminants and Pollution Control**

Assess an affected area, determine the source and type of contaminant and respond.

**Competencies**

6.8.2. Determine the types, sources and impact of natural and man-made contaminants.

6.8.3. Monitor, analyze and quantify levels of contaminants from point and non-point sources.

6.8.6. Describe the environmental impact from both industrial and nonindustrial processes.

6.8.10. Develop and implement various emergency response plans.

**Outcome: 6.9. Hazardous Materials and Waste Management**

Follow and apply handling, storage and recording procedures for hazardous materials and waste.

**Competencies**

6.9.2. Describe health and safety practices for reducing risks from hazardous materials (e.g., safety data sheet [SDS], employer notification forms, personal protective equipment [PPE]).

6.9.3. Demonstrate appropriate responses for major types of hazardous materials disasters (e.g., chemical releases, fires, explosions).

6.9.5. Demonstrate safe management, handling, disposal and recycling procedures for hazardous materials and waste.

6.9.6. Perform site assessments to detect and identify the presence and storage of hazardous materials.

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**Strand 8. Plant Science**

Learners apply principles of plant anatomy, physiology, nutrition and genetics to the research and development, selection and reproduction, planting, fertilization, health, harvesting and management of plants in a domestic and/or natural environment.

**Outcome: 8.5. Harvesting**

Evaluate and implement harvesting methods to maximize yield.

**Competencies**

8.5.1. Identify characteristics of grains, seeds, vegetables, fruits and ornamental plants that indicate crop maturity.

**Outcome: 8.6. Handling and Storage**

Handle and store plants and plant products to maximize quality.

**Competencies**

8.6.1. Describe safety precautions in handling and storage practices.

8.6.2. Adjust to environmental conditions to enhance the handling and storage of plant products.

8.6.3. Apply harvesting, handling and storage techniques to minimize loss and maximize economic return.

8.6.4. Calculate potential yield and loss due to processing and storage.

8.6.5. Explain the proper conditions to maintain the quality of plants and plant products held in storage.

8.6.6. Maintain and enhance the quality of plant products through the manipulation of handling and storage techniques (e.g., temperature, humidity, retardants, light, chemicals, contamination).

8.6.7. Prepare products for sale, transportation and storage.

8.6.8. Identify storage methods for plants and plant products.

8.6.9. Monitor environmental conditions in storage facilities for plants and plant products.

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**Strand 9. Energy**

Learners apply principles of physics, chemistry, the earth sciences and mathematics to energy sources, transformations, acquisition, and application.

**Outcome: 9.1. Energy**

Identify energy sources according to their economic viability, sustainability and environmental impact.

**Competencies**

9.1.2. Identify, compare and contrast renewable energy sources and the technology used to generate energy.

9.1.3. Identify, compare, and contrast alternative energy sources and technology used to generate energy (e.g., fuel cells, hydrogen, nuclear).

9.1.4. Identify the social, economic and environmental drivers and barriers that influence the development and use of energy sources.

9.1.5. Calculate fuel equivalents among energy sources.

9.1.6. Trace the transformations of energy within a system (e.g., mechanical to electrical, chemical to mechanical).

9.1.7. Determine best management practices (e.g., carbon sequestration, conservation, animal safety, efficiency) that lessen environmental impact.

9.1.8. Perform an energy evaluation to determine the best social, economic and environmental solution.

**Outcome: 9.3. Biomass**

Describe and manage processes required to extract energy from biomass.

**Competencies**

9.3.1. Identify applications for biomass energy.

9.3.2. Describe the thermal, chemical and biochemical methods of converting biomass into energy.

9.3.3. Identify feedstock materials (e.g., plants, algae, municipal waste) used to produce energy and

compare the energy potential of each.

9.3.4. Identify and differentiate the aerobic and anaerobic digestion of biomass.

9.3.5. Test source materials and final products and compare the results to industry standards.

9.3.6. Process source materials for energy conversion.

9.3.7. Identify and describe technical standards and regulations for residential, agricultural and commercial biofuel operations.

9.3.8. Identify the byproducts generated in the production of biofuels and apply methods for their extraction, use and disposal.

9.3.9. Manage storage and distribution systems for biofuels.

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