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AGRI5710  
Graduate Module – I: Biomass to Biogas Conversion  

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COURSE INFORMATION & OUTLINE  

General Information  
Lecture Room : TBD  
Time: MWF 10:00 am - 11:00 am  
Lab : TBD  
Time:  F 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  

Contact Information  
Your access to me is not limited to the abovementioned “Office Hours” – you are welcome to see me any time. If you want to make sure that I am in the office, then you may want to make an appointment. IMPORTANT – if you contact me by e-mail, please make sure you put the course number in the “Subject:” section, otherwise I will not open it.  

Module Description  
Biological, thermal and physical techniques for converting biomass into useful energy forms for agriculture and industry. Exercises include dairy manure collection and storage, aerobic and anaerobic lagoons, anaerobic digestion of agricultural wastes into methane, and associated technical and economic feasibility studies. 3 lectures and a 2 hour laboratory per week. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.  

Required:  
• Extensive handouts  

Recommended:  
• Bioconversion of Forest and Agricultural Plant Residues, J. N. Saddler, Oxford University Press (1993)  
• Biochemical Engineering, H.W. Blanche and D.S. Clark, Marcel Dekker (1996)  

Determination of Total Marks and Final Grades  

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Tests will consist of a combination of true/false, multiple-choice, and problem solving type questions. They will cover the material from the lectures, exercises, and the readings. The final grade will be calculated as mentioned above. Assignment Policy: All assignments must be turned in to get credit. Late assignments will not be accepted. Medical or personal emergencies excepted. There will be no make up test if you miss the scheduled miniterm test; rather, the weight of the midterm will be distributed over the assigned Problem/Design Sets and Term Project. It is your responsibility to provide proper documentation explaining your absence. If you do not provide proper documentation, or the reason for your absence is not acceptable under the current standards of the Engineering Department, then you will receive a grade of zero for the missed miniterm test. It is your responsibility to check and record your marks.
This course will be conducted in accordance with the policies of Dalhousie University. Should you have any questions or concerns, please see me after class or contact me via e-mail.