Agriculture Programs

Through the Agriculture Department at FPCC, the goals is to promote agriculture as a meaningful and productive way of utilizing the reservation land base. Through on-site instruction, opportunities are now available in the areas of international market research and marketing channels for specialty crops, exporting, commodity grain marketing, risk management assessment for farming, GPS, international contractual arrangements, and computerized financial programs and filing systems.

Most recently a survey was completed by the Fort Peck Indian Farmer Rancher Group. In order to estimate the interest in increased participation of Native Americans in agricultural programs, Jodie Smith conducted a survey with the Fort Peck Indian Farmer Rancher Group (FPIFRG) in October 2002. Survey forms were sent to 80 members of the group and 40 completed surveys were returned (50.0% return rate). The results of the survey indicate a high degree of participant interest in this project. A vast majority (95%) say there is a need for veterinary services on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, thus implementing a veterinary science program on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, thus beginning to offer and Associate of Science in Animal Science with two options leading to a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

Associate of Science in Animal Science

The Animal Science curricula will provide students with an understanding of natural and biological sciences as they relate to livestock management. Students will learn about the production of high quality livestock using resources leading to an excellent end product.

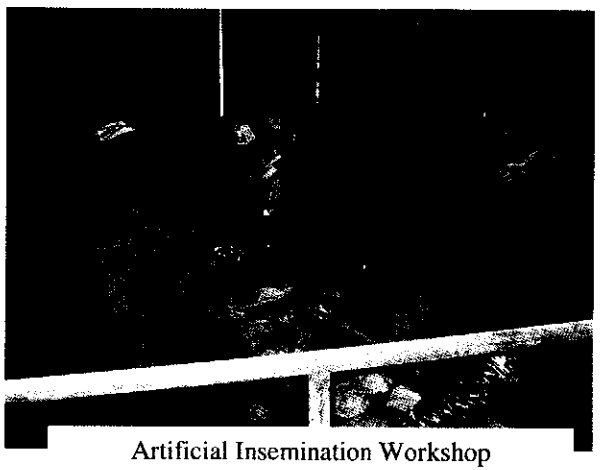
The Animal Science curricula will allow students to have close working relationships among livestock, rangeland, and natural resources. Classes will be designed to enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and communications skills.

Internships will be available with the Fort Peck Tribal Farm and Ranch, a variety of ranches, businesses and agencies associated with livestock and natural resource management.

Fort Peck Community College will offer an Associate of Science in Animal Science through Montana State University-Bozeman with the Livestock and Industry Option and a Bachelor or Science Options.

Livestock and Industry Option

This option is for students interested in livestock production from conception to consumptions. Career fields include: ranch management, agriculture banking, management and technical consulting, livestock marketing, livestock feed and health product marketing.



Artificial Insemination Workshop

Science Option

This option is in greater depth of natural and biological sciences and is highly recommended for students interested in graduate school or professional training. The curriculum can be individually tailored to provide excellent preparation for veterinary school or graduate studies. Careers with this option include: post-graduate research, veterinary medicine, college teaching, agripharmaceutical industry.

FPCC Advising

Students can be advised through the Fort Peck Community College Agriculture Extension Department for further class listings.

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Facilities
Teaching will be supported by the Fort Peck Tribal Farm and Ranch located on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. The ranch, which consists of 800+ cattle and approximately 72,000+ acres of irrigated, range, and CRP land, bordered by many American Indian farmers and ranchers. All labs and class projects will be conducted in co-operation of the Fort Peck Tribal Farm and Ranch.

Faculty
FPCC has a well qualified faculty with advanced degrees. In Fall 2002, FPCC courses were taught by 22 full-time faculty and 19 adjunct faculty and American Indians comprise 27 percent of the faculty.
Classes will be taught by Fort Peck Community College instructors, community resources specialists, and adjunct faculty from Montana State University-Bozeman.

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The degree program to be offered at Fort Peck Community College will be a 2+2 agreement with Montana State University-Bozeman.

Enrolled students will begin their college career at FPCC with their core requirements and basic science courses to transfer onto Montana State University-Bozeman after completing their associate of science degree in animal science at FPCC. All classes will transfer to MSU-Bozeman upon agreement with MSU-Bozeman.

Courses will be offered at FPCC through Vision Net as well as hands-on educational training.

Fort Peck Community College has been a huge asset in the revival of the Fort Peck Tribal Farm and Ranch. The Farm and Ranch will be used as laboratory for hands-on educational training

Prospective students are encouraged to visit Fort Peck Community College and the Fort Peck Tribal Farm and Ranch.

For information regarding Fort Peck Community College and their degree programs, visit their website or contact::

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