

VII SEMESTER

S No.	Course code	Course Title	Credit Load
1	AEX 401	Student READY programme (Rural Agricultural Work Experience and Agro-industrial Attachment)	0+20
2	AGR 401	Project Report Preparation, presentation and Evaluation	0+1
3.	AEX 402	All India Study Tour*	0+1

Non gradial compulsory

AEX 401 Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) (0+20)

UNIT I Village Resource Inventory and Planning (using PRA tools, Rich pictures, GIS maps, secondary data, interview, etc.)

- Describe the Natural Resources - Village boundaries, topography, historical background, water resources (river, canal, tank, etc.), soil resources, vegetation (trees, crops, etc.), fodder, animal husbandry (milch cattle, poultry, goatery, fishery, etc.), wild animals, climate, land utilization pattern, etc.
- Describe the Agricultural scenario - Cropping pattern, cropping systems, farming systems, area, production and productivity of crops, adoption pattern of recommended varieties / hybrids, technologies and machinery / implements, organic farming, contract farming, etc.
- Explain the Demographic details – population, literacy, land holdings, farmers, farm women, youth, caste, labour, etc.
- Analyze the Social factors – social structure, social stratification, social change, social groups, culture, social control, leadership, social processes, migration, social customs, social issues, etc.
- Study the Socio-psychological factors – group processes / dynamics, attitude towards innovations, etc.
- Assess the Village Infrastructure - Educational institutions, Government institutes / offices, private firms / offices, NGOs, Societies, Banks, Panchayat Union / Grama Panchayat, Clubs, SHGs, FPOs, Associations, Communication facilities, transport facilities, railway station, police station, hospitals, clinics, veterinary hospital, post office, markets, community centers, religious places of worship, etc.
- Analyze the Problems / Constraints – Problem / Constraints related to farming, marketing, processing, transport, communication, access to extension and other services, etc.
- Prepare village development plans in consultation with different stakeholders.

Unit II Farm Resource Inventory and Planning (using maps, Rich pictures, farm system modeling, family tree charts, flow diagrams, interview, etc.)

- Describe the Farm boundaries, topography, water resources, soil resources, vegetation, animal enterprises, etc.
- Describe the cropping pattern, cropping system, farming system, agri-business, etc.
- Explore Farmers Practices – Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK).
- Identify the constraints of the system environment (natural, economic, social, political, legal).
- Assess the linkages with Extension agencies, Markets, Input agencies, Media, Development departments, etc.
- Identify and describe all the people involved in the farm, their work, roles, visions, needs, values, interests and relationships.

- Analyze the system in terms of satisfying current needs. What are the critical factors that need to be managed to sustain the system? Are there opportunities for growth and development to satisfy the future needs of the system? Are there threats that also need to be managed?
- Describe the different sub-systems viz., production sub-system, management sub-system, marketing sub-system, human activity sub-system, landscape and natural sub-system, etc., and their relationships.
- Identify the linkages with the Supra System viz., economic, political, legal and social.
- Find out the adoption pattern of recommended varieties / hybrids, technologies, machinery / implements, etc.
- Analyze the financial status and performance of the system - Economics of production (area, production, productivity, yield gaps, net returns, cost benefit ratio, etc).
- Prepare farm development plans for different types of farmers, by involving them so as to improve their systems.

Unit III Studying activities of State Department of Agriculture

Visit to Office of Assistant Director of Agriculture to study the organizational structure, functions, duties and responsibilities of extension personnel, ATMA, schemes implemented, extension activities conducted, etc. Involve in different extension activities such as village meetings, demonstrations, campaigns, exhibition, radio / TV programmes and record observations and lessons learnt.

Unit IV Studying activities of an NGO

Visit to an NGO to study the organizational pattern, functions, projects, duties and responsibilities of staff, extension activities, schemes implemented, funding sources, etc.

Unit V Studying activities of an Agri Business Firm

Visit to an Agri-business firm to study the business activities, projects, managerial functions viz., planning, supervision, delegation, communication, budgeting, and related aspects.

Syllabus

- Visit to important National and International institutes related to agriculture, horticulture, forestry and allied fields in various regions of the country. Exposure to varied agro-climatic zones, crops grown, cultivation practices, socio-economic and cultural features of the farming community in different parts of the country.