

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Gwen Stahnke teaches On-line Courses: Golf Course Management and Athletic Field Management

Gwen Stahnke teaches 2 on-line courses: 1) Crops 317 Golf Course Management, focusing on best management practices for greens, tees, fairways and roughs with an emphasis on environmental considerations (fall semester); and 2) Crops 318 Athletic Field Management, focusing on best management practices for sports turf areas with an emphasis on environmental considerations (spring semester). These classes are required for a Crops and Soils degree with a turf major. They also qualify as electives for degrees including General Agriculture and Horticulture. This is the 3rd year for Gwen to teach Crops 318 and the 4th year for teaching Crops 317. Each class has 10-15 students enrolled in the spring and fall.



Turfgrass Management is one of the 5 study areas of the crops and soils program. It has the largest number of students out of any of the other 4 studies areas in the program. There typically are around 15 undergraduate and 1-2 graduate students enrolled each year. The Turfgrass Management Program targets students who want to specialize in golf course supervision, grounds maintenance, and other related positions in turfgrass and recreation management techniques and personnel relations. The job market for careers in this field continues to expand as it has been for the past decade. This has created a steady demand for turfgrass majors. WSU is one of the few Pacific Northwest universities to offer a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in turfgrass science.

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