Guidelines Regarding Teaching Loads for
Specialized Faculty in
Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences
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Duty Percentages/Course Load Guidelines:
- In general, a full-time specialized faculty should expect to teach 18 credit hours per year in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. Most courses are offered for three credit hours, but courses may range from 1 to 5.
- Because no specialized faculty's job is identical, teaching loads and/or duty percentages will be determined and adjusted at the department head's discretion based on the unique and specific circumstances for each specialized faculty.
- These guidelines are intended to provide a general framework and shall be modified as needed based on operational/academic needs.
- Teaching that occurs in summer sessions is routinely handled as separate contracts for 9-month employees.