Students Reap Benefits from Ag Biotechnology Course in Lewiston, Idaho

The Situation
Annually, a University of Idaho/Nez Perce County Extension System fieldmen advisory committee identifies winter educational needs of fieldmen, crop consultants, the agricultural community, and others. The topic of biotechnology was given as a high priority by the committee for the winter of 2000-01.

Our Response
An off-campus, UI credit course, "Biotechnology in Agriculture," was delivered in Lewiston for growers, agricultural enterprises, and others. The course was team taught by UI/Nez Perce County Extension and UI/College of Agricultural and Life Sciences instructors.

Our goals
• To provide practical hands-on knowledge about ag biotechnology.
• To provide students with University of Idaho credits.
• To provide students with continuing educational units and certification credits.
• To help students better comprehend the role of biotechnology in agriculture.

Program Outcomes
A class questionnaire revealed the following:
• 100% agreed or strongly agreed that the course was effectively prepared and organized.
• 90% agreed or strongly agreed that class instruction was effective.
• 90% agreed or strongly agreed that the course material was meaningful and relevant.

The future
Continue to deliver, as directed and identified by committee, off-campus UI/CALS credit courses in Lewiston.

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