

# Agricultural Operations Tech (AOT)

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**AOT 298. Cooperative Education. 1-12 Credits.**

A planned and supervised work-learning experience in industry, business, government, or community service agencies related to the University program of study. Prerequisites: two semesters of attendance at Montana State University-Northern, approval of advisor, Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, and cooperative education coordinator. Pass/Fail only.

**AOT 301. Global Positioning Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course is a study of global positioning systems (GPS) technology and how it can be used in agriculture, outdoor activities, orienteering, land resources, transportation and in a large number of other applications. Class participants will use handheld and mapping grade GPS receivers and become familiar with GPS data collection, DGPS or differential correction, processing of spatial data, map types, coordinate grinds, map datum, and waypoints. Students will learn how to link GPS receivers with computers and equipment, manage GPS data with software, upload and download coordinate information and create printouts of spatial data, locations and routes.

**AOT 315. Geographic Information Systems. 3 Credits.**

This course will involve the study of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for natural resource and land management. Students will develop an understanding of spatial reasoning and methods used to visually inventory and analyze land based resources. GIS software, images and data sources commonly used for natural resource management by industry and government agencies will be featured in this class.

**AOT 392. Independent Study. 12 Credits.**

Provides an opportunity for students to engage in directed research and study on an individual basis rather than in a formal class environment.

**AOT 498. Cooperative Education. 1-12 Credits.**

A planned and supervised work-learning experience extending the student's learning experience in agricultural business, agricultural production, or government agencies related to agriculture. Prerequisites: Junior standing and approval of minor advisor, Dean of the College of Technical Sciences, and cooperative education coordinator. Pass/Fail only.