Preparing for the Fall 2021 semester!

Welcome to the Werklund School of Agriculture Technology at Olds College. The purpose of the Agriculture Technology Integration Post Diploma Certificate program is to prepare you for a career in digital agriculture. Once you have completed the training in this program, you will have learned the skills needed to effectively work in teams and apply technology towards improved decision-making at all levels of our food production value chain.

Olds College is preparing for a return to on-campus learning in September 2021. The Werklund School of Agriculture Technology is preparing to offer a mix of online and in-person courses. The Agriculture Technology Integration program will offer a blend of in-person and online instructional formats.

We want to remind you of the **requirements** for the program. In this program, you will be using various memory-intensive, Windows-only programs extensively in lectures and labs. To complete course work, you need:

- A computer (laptop or desktop) running the latest version of the Microsoft Windows operating system (Microsoft Windows 10 as of December 2020).
- A minimum of 8GB RAM and 250GB (512 Gb recommended) available disk storage space is mandatory for this program.
- Required software programs include but are not limited to Microsoft Excel, Word and PowerPoint.

We strongly advise against Mac and Chrome OS computers, as they are not suitable.

We would also like to provide a couple of key **recommendations** to help you to be successful in creating a stimulating online and in-person learning environment:

- Obtain an internet connection appropriate for streaming, uploading and downloading videos.
- Use a comfortable headset with a microphone and a camera.
- We strongly recommend you learn to work with split screens if you have a larger monitor or acquire a second dual monitor. This setup would allow you to work on projects and make and take calls with your instructors and class colleagues.

It is vital to your learning experience that you can participate in online lectures and discussions.

Finally, we would like to share information on the program with our incoming students. The table below provides the name of the course, your instructor's name, and if the program is scheduled to be offered in-person or online.

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[Insert Table 1 here: semester, course name, name of the instructor, an indicator if the course is offered online or in-person, an indicator if lab is offered online or in-person]

We look forward to seeing you this fall. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to send us an email (agtech@oldscollege.ca), and one of us will get back to you in short order.

[Signature Dean and Associate Dean, Werklund School of Agriculture Technology]