Ag 100 Introduction to Agriculture
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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

Textbook(s) Required: None

Course Description:

Introduction to agriculture and its relationship to the sciences. Also explores careers and opportunities in agriculture. Insights into the agriculture curriculum and course content are presented.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Introduce students to Texas A&M University - Commerce
2. Provide the student tools and opportunities for university success
3. Students will be introduced to the various fields of agriculture

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Instructional / Methods / Activities Assessments

Papers: Four 100 point papers

Student Learning Outcomes 1 & 2

Assessment: Rubric included in every paper assignment
Final Exam: 200 point final exam

Student Learning Outcomes: 1, 2 & 3

Assessment: Multiple choice, Fill in the blank, and Mathematical problem (GPA)

Planner: 100 point planner for one week

Student Learning Outcomes: 2

Assessment: Assessed according to rubric

Library Assignment: 100 point research assignment

Student Learning Outcomes: 1 & 2

Assessment: Essay and Fill in the blank assignment

Degree Audit: 100 point degree audit and schedule plan

Student Learning Outcomes: 1 & 2

Assessment: Rubric with assignment

Resumé: 100 point resumé and cover letter assignment

Student Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, & 3

Assessment: Rubric with assignment

Grading

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A   >1170
B   1040 – 1169
C   910 – 1039
D   780 – 909
F   <780

There will be no extra credit work available.

**TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

To be successful in the course, you will be provided access to university computers and facilities. The following items are available on university computers for your use.

1. Access to T: drive
2. MS Word
3. MS PowerPoint

These items will be helpful for you, should you need to work at home.

1. Flash drive
2. MS Office or compatible software

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<th>COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES</th>
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**Course Specific Procedures:**

You may bring drinks to class. Please finish any meals before class begins. The use of tobacco products during class time is strictly prohibited. Use of intoxicants before class is strictly prohibited and will result in the student’s immediate removal from class.

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. Copying of others’ work, use of disallowed material on exams, plagiarism in assignments or cheating in any other form as defined by the instructor will result in a grade of zero for that assignment. Multiple infractions will result in a grade of ‘F’ for the course and possible expulsion.

Attendance for this class is mandatory. For every two unexcused absences, your grade will be lowered by one letter grade. Five absences will result in a grade of F for the course.

**University Specific Procedures:**

**ADA Statement**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services  
Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Gee Library 132  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148  
StudentDisabilityServices@tamu-commerce.edu  
Student Disability Resources & Services

**Student Conduct**

Students are expected to respect the rights of others in the class. Cell phones and other electronic equipment should be turned off prior to the beginning of class. Use of these items during class time, or any other unwarranted classroom disruption, will result in your immediate excusal from class for the remainder of the period.
All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook).

### COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

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