AG 100 Introduction to Agriculture

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Class: Ag 100.004 TR 11-12:15 CRN:82304

Course Description: (as in catalog) 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 also presented.

Note: Required of all agriculture majors.

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. Students will learn about Texas A&M University-Commerce.
2. Students will receive tools and skills needed for university success.
3. Students will become familiar with various fields of agriculture.

Text: There is no specific textbook for this course.

Course Outline:
Week 1:  
Introductions  
Syllabi and what they mean  
What kind of learner are you?  
Undergraduate Catalog  
Planners and Time Management

Week 2:  
Weekly Planner Due  
Taking Notes and Study Techniques  
Grades and GPA  
Library Assignment

Week 3:  
Library Assignment Due  
University Activity Paper Due  
Degree Plans and Degree Audit  
Career Planning and Resumes  
Scavenger Hunt

Week 4:  
Cultural Event Paper Due  
Degree Audit & Four Year Class Plan Due  
Talking to Professors  
Higher Level Thinking  
Inquiry
Week 5:  
*Sporting Event Paper Due*
Fields of Agriculture

Week 6:  
Final Paper Due
Final Exam

**Course Grading:**

1. Papers (4 @ 100 each) 400
2. Planner 100
3. Library Assignment 100
4. Degree Audit/4 year plan 100
5. Resume 100
6. Final Exam 200
7. Grade
   a. A=>900
   b. B=800-899
   c. C=700-799
   d. D=600-699
   e. F=<600

**Class Attendance Policy**

Attendance is mandatory for AG 100. The course only meets for a portion of the semester, therefore it moves very quickly. Roll will be taken each time AG 100 meets. For each 2 unexcused absences your final grade will be lowered by a letter grade.
Syllabus Addendum

Professionalism
Students are expected to attend class and/or laboratory as scheduled. Their participation in class discussion and instructional activities should follow the basic principles of common courtesy and decency. Rude and disruptive behavior, as well as cheating, in any form, will not be tolerated. The use of tobacco products in the classroom, laboratory, or field trip sites is prohibited. Inappropriate conduct will not be tolerated. Failure to comply with instructor’s guidelines may result in suspension from class for the remainder of the day’s instruction. Repeat offenses may result in additional consequences.

Reasonable Accommodations
Requests from students with disabilities for reasonable accommodations must go through the Academic Support Committee. For more information, contact Coordinator of Disability Services at 903/886-5835.

Office Hours
The following office hours are the official times that I will be available for drop-in student consultation. I have an open door policy and will try to assist students any time that I am available. However, occasionally the demands of class preparation, research, and service prohibit immediate drop-in service.

Monday- 10-11:30am
Tuesday- 9:30-10:45am
Wednesday-10-11:30am
Thursday- 9:30-10:45am
Or by appointment