Ag 400 – Seminar
W 5:00 – 5:50 Ag/IT 238/255

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Required Text None

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Develop skills used in making technical presentations.
2. Develop an understanding and appreciation of technical and scientific journal articles.

Expectations of Students

1. Active participation in classroom assignments.
2. Proper respect and courtesy to fellow classmates.

Grading

1. Presentations (2) 150 points each
2. Critique sheets (10) 200 points
3. Grade assignment
   a. 450+ = A
   b. 400-449 = B
   c. 350-399 = C
   d. 300-349 = D
   e. below 300 = F
4. Presentations schedules will be assigned during week 2. You will be expected to make your presentation at the assigned time. Due to tight scheduling, if you must miss your assigned time, you are responsible for rescheduling with someone else in the class.
5. PowerPoint files will be delivered to Dr. Harp no later than Noon, Monday the week of your scheduled presentation. No late presentations will be accepted and no presentations will be performed without a PowerPoint file.
6. Presentation guidelines:
   a. Presentation 1 – Extension Presentation
      i. 8 – 10 minutes
      ii. On an area where you can give training or provide expertise
b. Presentation 2 – Research Presentation
   i. Present an article from a Peer-Reviewed Academic research journal in your field of expertise. This paper should be a single research project. Review papers are not acceptable.
   ii. Your presentation should include:
       1. Introduction
       2. Methods and Materials
       3. Results
       4. Discussion and Conclusion
   7. Critique sheets will be turned in with comments concerning others presentations. These will be compiled and handed to the presenter. Your comments should be positive and constructive.

Attendance

Attendance for this class is mandatory. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class session, prior to the first presentation. Those not answering the roll call will be considered absent. Each student will be allowed 2 absences during the semester. Upon the third absence, the student will be given a grade of F, regardless of rank, reason, current grade or prospective graduation.

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.

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.

You may bring drinks to class. Please finish any meals before class begins. The use of tobacco products during class time is strictly prohibited.

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. Copying of others' work, use of disallowed material, 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.

Students requesting accommodations for disabilities must go through the Academic Support Committee. For more information, please contact the Director of Disability Resources & Services, Halladay Student Services Building, Rm. 303D, (903) 886-5835.