Course Syllabus
AG 400 – Seminar
Spring Semester, 2013
Wednesdays 5:00-5:50 PM
AGIT 255

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COURSE INFORMATION

Text: None. Materials will be provided in class.
Course Description: Techniques involved in presenting scientific and technical oral reports.
Student Learning Outcomes:

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

Expectations of Students

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

GRADING

1. Presentations (2) 100 points each
2. Critique sheets (10) 200 points
3. Participation 100 points
4. Grade assignment
   a. 450+ = A
   b. 400-449 = B
   c. 350-399 = C
   d. 300-349 = D
   e. below 300 = F

5. 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.
6. PowerPoint files will be delivered to Dr. Wahrmund 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.
7. 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. Turn in a copy of your selected article (must be printed) one week before your scheduled presentation for approval
   iii. Your presentation should include:
        1. Introduction
        2. Methods and Materials
        3. Results
        4. Discussion and Conclusion

8. 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; however, unexcused absences will count against your critique sheet grade. Upon the third absence, the student will be given a grade of F, regardless of rank, reason, current grade or prospective graduation.

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