

AG 400 Seminar
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Class: Ag 400.002 W 5:00-5:50pm (CRN: 82640)

Course Description: (as in catalog) Techniques involved in presenting scientific and technical oral reports. Prerequisite: SPC 1315 or 1321 and senior standing.

Note: Oral presentations required.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate an understanding and appreciation for technical and scientific articles.
2. Demonstrate skills in making both technical and scientific oral presentations.

Text: There is no specific textbook for this course.

Student Expectations:

1. Active Participation in classroom assignments
2. Professionalism including proper respect and courtesy to fellow classmates

Course Grading:

1. Presentations (2)	200
2. Critique Sheets	200
3. Socratic Seminar (2)	100
4. Participation	100
5. Grade	
a. A=>540	
b. B=480-539	
c. C=420-479	
d. D=360-419	
e. F=<359	

Course Information:

-Presentation 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 class.

-PowerPoint files must be emailed to Heitholt no later than Noon, Monday the week of your schedule presentation. No late presentations will be accepted and no presentations will be performed without a PowerPoint file.

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-Presentation guidelines:

a) Presentation 1-Extension Presentation

- 1) 5-8 minute presentation
- 2) On an area that you can give training or provide expertise

b) Presentation 2-Research Presentation

- 1) Present article or paper from a Peer-Reviewed Academic research journal in your field of expertise. This paper needs to be a single research project. Review papers are not accepted.
- 2) Turn in copy of your selected article (must be printed) one week before your scheduled presentation for approval.
- 3) Your Presentation needs to include the following:
 - i) Introduction
 - ii) Methods and Materials
 - iii) Results
 - iiii) Discussion and Conclusion

-Critique sheets will be turned in with comments concerning other presentations. Comments should be constructive and positive.

-You will be assigned a review group. This group will compile comments and give to presenter at the end of the presentation day.

-The class will be divided into groups for the Socratic Seminar. The instructor will give a reading assignment prior to the scheduled seminar. During the seminar, participants will pose questions, make statements, form ideas and discuss the material in its entirety.

Class Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory for AG 400. Roll will be taken each time AG 400 meets. If you are not present to answer roll call you will be given an unexcused absence. Each student is allowed 2 absences during the semester; 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.

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.

Heitholt Office Hours

Tuesday - 9 am to noon, 2 pm to 4 pm

Wednesday - 11am to noon

Thursday 9 am to noon

Friday - 11 am to noon,

Or by appointment

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