AG 100 Introduction to Agriculture

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Class: Ag 100.03P TR 11:00-12:15am (CRN:82649)

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?
Farm Tour

Week 2: Fields of Agriculture

Week 3: Fields of Agriculture
Scavenger Hunt

Week 4: Undergraduate Catalog
Degree Plans & Degree Audits
Library Assignment

Week 5: Taking Notes & Studying Techniques
Time Management & Planners
Grades & GPA

Week 6: Final Exam

***This outline is general overview of how we will process through the course. It is very subject to change, as this course is dependent upon the availability of guest speakers.

Course Grading:

1. Papers (3 @ 100 each) 300
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=>810
    b. B=720-809
    c. C=630-719
    d. D=540-629
    e. F=<539

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.

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, the greenhouse and service prohibit immediate drop-in service.

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