

## **AG 400 Seminar**

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**Class:** Ag 400.001 R 1:00-1:50pm (CRN:82693)

**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. Develop an understanding and appreciation for technical and scientific articles
2. Develop 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 Ms. Fortenberry no later than Noon, Tuesday 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) 8-10 minute presentation

2) Present 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 accepted.

3) Turn in copy of your selected article (must be printed) one week before your scheduled presentation for approval.

4) Your Presentation should 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 discussants 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.

### **Office Hours**

Monday & Wednesday 9-11am

Tuesday & Thursday- 9:30-10:45am

Or by appointment

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