AG 100 Introduction to Agriculture

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Class: AG 100.001 MWF 10-10:50 AM (CRN: 21991)

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
Email Etiquette
QEP GCAA

Week 3: Fields of Agriculture
Library Assignment
QEP ePortfolio

Week 4: Time Management & Planners
Taking Notes & Studying Techniques
Grades & GPA
Library Assignment

Week 5: Undergraduate Catalog
Degree Plans & Degree Audits

Week 6: Paper Discussion & Exam Preparation
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. GCAA & ePortfolio Assignment 100
3. Planner 100
4. Library Assignment 100
5. Degree Audit/4 year plan 100
6. Participation & In-Class Assignments 100
7. Final Exam 200

Total 1000 points

To receive the following grades, you will need the following amount of points:

- A=>900
- B=800-899
- C=700-799
- D=600-699
- F=<599

**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.

**Student Behavior:**
“All students enrolled at the university shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment.” (See Student’s Guide Handbook, Policies and Procedures, Conduct)

A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color,
religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

**Plagiarism:**
Plagiarism is not tolerated. If it is found that you have committed plagiarism, you will be dropped from the class. The WPA defines plagiarism as 'occur[ing] in an instructional setting when a writer deliberately uses someone else's language, ideas, or other original (not common-knowledge) material without acknowledging its source.'

**Reasonable Accommodations:**
Students with Disabilities:
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services
Texas A&M University-Commerce
Gee Library
Room 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

**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 and service prohibit immediate drop-in service.

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:30 – 10 AM
Or by appointment