AG 100 Introduction to Agriculture

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Class: Ag 100.005 MWF 9-9:50 (CRN:82250)

Course Description: (as in catalog) Introduction to Agriculture. One semester hour. 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. 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
          QEP
          Email Etiquette

Week 3: Fields of Agriculture
          QEP
          Library
          ***Scavenger Hunt***

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

Week 5: Undergraduate Catalog
          Degree Plans & Degree Audits
          Library Assignment

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. GCAA (Global Competency Aptitude Assessment) 100
3. Planner 100
4. Library Assignment 100
5. Degree Audit/4 year plan 100
6. Participation/Homework 100
7. Final Exam 200
8. Grade
   a. A=>900
   b. B=800-899
   c. C=700-799
   d. D=600-699
   e. 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.

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

Monday & Wednesday 1-5pm
Or by appointment