AG 1131-Introduction to Agriculture
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Class: Ag 100.001 MWF 9:00-9:50 (CRN: 82603)
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Ag 100.003 MWF 11:00-11:50 (CRN: 82606)

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
Farm Tour

Week 2:
Fields of Agriculture
What kind of learner are you?
Taking Notes & Studying Techniques
QEP
Email Etiquette

Week 3:
Fields of Agriculture
QEP

Week 4:
Time Management & Planners
Library
Degree Plans & Degree Audits

Week 5:
GPA & Grades
Undergraduate Catalog
Library Assignment

Week 6:
Final Exam Review
Final Exam

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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.

Student Conduct
All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: Netiquette http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html

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

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