Ag 1131 Introduction to Agriculture
Course Syllabus: Fall 2018

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COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings:

Textbook(s) Required: None

Course Description

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 presented.

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

1. Know basic information about Texas A&M University-Commerce and the School of Agriculture;

2. Develop the basic tools and skills needed for university success;

3. Become familiar with the various fields of agriculture.
Course Outline

Week 1  
Introductions and Welcome Email  
Syllabi and What They Mean  
Undergraduate Catalog  
Planners and Time Management

Week 2  
Weekly Planner Due  
Taking Notes and Study Techniques  
Grades and GPA  
Library Assignment

Week 3  
University Activity Paper Due  
Library Activity Due  
Degree Plans and Degree Audit  
Career Planning and Resumes

Week 4  
University History Paper Due  
Degree Audit and Four-Year Plan Due  
Fields of Agriculture

Week 5  
Cultural or Sporting Event Paper Due  
Fields of Agriculture

Week 6  
Fields of Agriculture  
Final Exam, Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Grading

1. Papers (3)  300 points
2. Email  100 points
3. Planner  100 points
4. Library Assignment  100 points
5. Degree Audit / 4-year Plan  100 points
6. Resume  100 points
7. Final Exam  200 points
8. Grade Assignment  900+ = A  
                   800 – 899 = B  
                   700 – 799 = C  
                   600 – 699 = D  
                   below 600 = F

There will be no “Extra Credit” work offered.
ATTENDANCE

Attendance for Ag 100 is mandatory, and roll will be taken at every class meeting. For each two unexcused absences, your final grade will be lowered by one letter grade. Five absences or more will result in a grade of F for the course.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures:

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. Students are expected to respect the rights of others in the class. Cell phones and other electronic equipment should be turned off prior to the beginning of class. Use of these items during class time, or any other unwarranted classroom disruption, will result in your immediate excusal from class for the remainder of the period.

You may bring drinks to class. Please finish any meals before class begins. The use of tobacco products during class time is strictly prohibited.

Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated. Copying of others’ work, use of disallowed material on exams, plagiarism in assignments, or cheating in any other form as defined by the instructor will result in a grade of zero for that assignment. Multiple infractions will result in a grade of ‘F’ for the course. No electronic equipment, except calculators, will be allowed during exams. Violation of this will result in an immediate grade of ‘0’ for the exam.

ADA Statement

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 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
SDRS@tamuc.edu
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“Campus Carry”

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