

Course Syllabus

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any changes.

Department : Agriculture
Course Title : The Agriculture Industry
Section Name : AGRI 1231
Start Date :
End Date :
Modality : Face to Face
Credits :

Instructor Information

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Course Description

An introduction to the basic components of the agricultural industry in the United States with a special consideration for the changing economic focus of the equine industry. (SCANS 1)

Prerequisites/Corequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

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Course Objectives

LEARNING OUTCOMES: After completion of this course, the student will be able to demonstrate competency in:

1. Understanding the role and importance of agriculture in our society.
2. The different systems and careers available in the field of agriculture.
3. Creating a resume for a future career in the agriculture field.
4. Writing a cover letter to prospective employers in the field of agriculture.
5. Interviewing with possible employers.
6. Understanding Agribusiness as a career.

CLASS ACTIVITIES: Participation in class discussions and group activities are mandatory. Test questions will be taken from notes of the class lectures, textbook and handouts for notebook entry. The class will take field trips to agribusinesses and listen to lectures from persons involved in the agribusiness. Students will design a mock agribusiness proposal with a financial plan suitable to borrow money from an agricultural lender. A resume and cover letter will also be required. Students will assemble a notebook of all handouts, business plan, resume and cover letter, and related materials used in the course.

Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432- 335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

CLASS PARTICIPATION: Class participation makes AGRI 1231 work. Attendance is required. Absences will have a direct impact on your grade. If you are going to be late or absent for any reason, call and let me know why.

Required Readings/Materials

There are no required text books or reading materials

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Summary of Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
History of the Agriculture Industry	Power Point presentation notes	Notes	Notebook entry
The 4 F's of Agriculture	paper		Week three
My lifeline	paper	Students will develop a paper and a lifeline drawing projecting their future.	Week four
My business idea	five pages	One page describing their business idea	Week five
My legal plan	One page	Description of the legal plan for the business	Week six
My Financial Plan	Three pages	Description of equipment and labor needed to develop a business	Week 10
My loans	Paper	Description of the different loans and when they will be retired from business profits.	Week 14
Notebook	All required papers		At final exam

Grading Policy

GRADING SYSTEM:

EXAM 1	100 PTS
EXAM 2	100 PTS
EXAM 3	100 PTS
EXAM 4	100 PTS
FINAL EXAM	100 PTS

GRADING SCALE:

A	90% TO 100%
B	80% TO 90 %
C	70% TO 80 %
D	60% TO 70 %
F	BELOW 60%