

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 : Agriculture Economics
Section Name : AGRI 2317
Start Date :
End Date :
Modality : Face to Face
Credits :

Instructor Information

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Course Description

This course offers an overview of the basic concepts and theory of the present agricultural economic system through a process of interpretation of written information. It includes analysis and mathematical calculations of profit margin of farm and ranch enterprises as well as commercial industry, their organization and management, the structure and operation of the marketing system, and political economic setting. Functional and institutional aspects of agricultural finance and state and federal farm programs are also covered. (SCANS 1,3,6,7)

Prerequisites/Corequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.

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Course Objectives

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

1. Understanding the basic concepts and theory of agricultural Economics.
2. Be competent in using the basic calculations of profit and loss margins.
3. Understanding the basic organization and management of an agricultural enterprise (farm, ranch, commercial or industrial).
4. Understanding the marketing system of agricultural products.
5. Understanding the fundamentals of agriculture finance.

CLASS ACTIVITIES: Participation in class discussions and group activities are mandatory. Test questions will be taken from class notes of the lectures, textbook and handouts for notebook entry.

1. Students will be required to read and understand designated chapters from the text.
2. Students will be required to write papers on the required reading material.
3. Students will be required to keep a notebook of handouts, papers, and etc. to be graded at the end of the semester.

SpecialNeeds

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: Participation in class by students makes AGRI 2317 work. Attendance is required. Absences will have a direct impact on your grade. Three

absences will drop your grade by a letter. If you are going to be absent or late for any reason, call and let me know why.



Required Readings/Materials

There are no specific required reading materials, although the student should download the Power Point lecture notes for each class.

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Summary of Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
Introduction	Power Point Lectures		Test 1
Macro Economics	Power Point Lectures		Test 2
Micro Economics	Power Point Lectures		Test 3
Economic Impact Study	Power Point Lectures		Test 4
Improving the economic outlook of an area	Research Paper	Internet research	Final Exam

GRADING SYSTEM:

GRADING SCALE:

EXAM 1 100 PTS

A 90% to 100%

EXAM 2	100 PTS	B	80% to 90%
EXAM 3	100 PTS	C	70% to 80%
EXAM 4	100 PTS	D	60% to 70%
NOTEBOOK	100 PTS	F	BELOW 60%
FINAL EXAM	100 PTS		

