Agriculture Development  
(AGRI 3361)  
Syllabus

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Class meeting time and place: This is an online class through D2L. There is no required face to face meetings for this class.

Course Description: This course explores the scope and importance of agriculture. It also examines agriculture policy and agencies. Students will also research current issues in agriculture.

Course Credit Justification: This is a three-credit course and does not meet in person. The student is expected to spend a minimum of six hours per week interacting with the online material. This includes reading required articles, viewing required websites, and watching required videos. In addition, the student is expected to spend a minimum of three hours per week completing assignments and tasks.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. The student will demonstrate entry level skills needed for success in teaching and other highly related careers. (teaching skills)
2. The student will demonstrate competence of technical subject matter (technical)
3. The student will exhibit problem solving skills. (Problem Solving)
4. The student will demonstrate effective communication skills. (Communication)
5. The student will exhibit leadership and other interpersonal skills needed for career placement and advancement. (Leadership)

#3 and #4 are directly addressed in this class

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Write an essay which displays ability to define a problem, present two sides of the issue and form an opinion on the topic based on research.
2. Write an essay which that demonstrates proficiency in structure, content, and mechanics.

Text and Materials: There is no text required for this course. All course readings are located within the CONTENT section of this course.

Cheating/Plagiarism: This course will follow standards set forth by the university regarding cheating and plagiarism. In the case a student is found to have cheated or plagiarized they will fail the course.
In this course you are not allowed to use ChatGPT or other AI programs. The use of such a program shall be considered cheating and can result in failing the course. There is technology built into this course that can detect the use of ChatGPT or other AI programs.

The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.

Reference: HOP policy 04-106

Late Work: All late work will receive a reduction of 20% each week it is late. Even one day late will constitute a week so 1-7 days late is a reduction of 20%, 8-14 days late is a reduction of 40%, 15-21 days late is a reduction of 60%, etc…. Quizzes cannot be completed late without prior approval.

Grades for the course will be based on the following criteria:
Each assignment, quiz, exam, and project will be assigned a point value. Grades are calculated on a percentage basis. Thus, at the end of the semester the points you earned divided by the total points available will give you your percentage.

A = 90% to 100%
B = 80% to 89%
C = 70% to 79%
D = 60% to 69%
F = below 60%

**Make-Up Assignments:** There will be no make-up assignments for missed quizzes unless you notify me before the quiz and explain why you can’t be there with proper documentation for your absence (teacher note, etc.). If you have an unforeseen circumstance, you must provide documentation that excuses your absence (doctor’s note, death certificate, police report, etc.)

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Students with Disabilities**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).

SFASU values students’ mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
SFASU Counseling Services  
[www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices](http://www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices)  
3rd Floor Rusk Building  
936-468-2401

SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic
Crisis Resources:
Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

Late Work: Each week you will be required to complete the contents of a module. I will consider the end of the week as Sunday at 11:30 p.m. so everything from a module should be complete by Sunday at 11:30 p.m. All late work will receive a reduction of 20% each week it is late. Even one day late will constitute a week so 1-7 days late is a reduction of 20%, 8-14 days late is a reduction of 40%, 15-21 days late is a reduction of 60%, 21-28 days late is a reduction of 80%, and over 28 days late is a zero (100% deduction). Quizzes CANNOT be completed late without prior approval.

Midterm and Final Exams: You will not be required to take a face-to face midterm or final exam. You will be assigned a major project which will take the place of your mid-term and an additional project that will replace your final exam.

There are several things you should understand in regards to taking this course online:

As the instructor, I will make myself available regularly. I will reply to emails and discussions in a timely manner. However, I usually do not check my email at night or on weekends so if you email me at these times do not expect a response until the next business day. Since assignments are due on Sundays I suggest you look at the material during the week to make sure you understand everything and don’t have any questions for me. For a faster response email my SFA email carrawaycl@sfasu.edu instead of using D2L email.

Course Requirements: This course contains modules that contain all required materials and assignments. Each module is unique but every module contains material for you to read or watch or gives you directions to find material to read or watch. The modules will also have some type of assignment related to that material. Sometimes there are multiple assignments. Each week there is a module due. The end of the week is considered Sunday at 11:30 p.m. Each portion of the module should be completed to ensure maximum success in this course. You are expected to complete one module a week. Modules should be completed in consecutive order starting with Module 1. You should schedule a minimum of nine hours per week to complete all required components of the module. This is the same amount of time you should be designating to a three-credit face-to-face class (3 hours of in class time and 6 hours preparing for class and completing assignments).

Emails: Please use email as a way of communicating with the professor one-on-one. The professor will attempt to respond to the emails in a timely manner. If you need a fast response,
please send your e-mail to my SFA email (carrawaycl@sfasu.edu) as I check this email almost every day and several times a day. I do not check D2L email every day.

Discussions- To get credit for participating in a discussion, YOU MUST PARTICIPATE. You should respond to comments made in a mature, educational manner. It is just as important to respond to other student's posts as it is to respond to the professor's posts. I expect a minimum of two responses to other students’ posts in each discussion. There will be times throughout the semester when questions will be posted and you are expected to respond in a timely manner. D2L should prompt you when you have a new discussion posting. You will only receive full credit for the discussion if you make an original post and respond to at least two other students’ posts.

Assignments- Assignment grades are based on accuracy and quality of work. All assignments will be in the modules.

Quizzes/Exams- All quizzes and exams will be completed through D2L. You should complete all other tasks in the module before taking the quiz/exam but you are required to complete the quiz/exam before Sunday at 11:30 p.m. Some quizzes/exams will have a time limit which will be based on the length and content of the quiz/exam. For instance, some quizzes may have to be completed within 15 minutes of starting and others may be an hour from the starting time. You will be notified of the length when you first open the quiz.

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