



Agriculture Industry

AGRI 1131

Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

An overview of world agriculture, nature of the industry, resource conservation, and the American agriculture system, including production, distribution, and marketing.

Textbook:

None Required. Materials will be provided in class.

Course Goals:

The student will describe the changing picture of agriculture and its role in the nation's economy; discuss the production capability of American food and fiber industries; compare the world's food consumption and production potential; define and utilize a problem-based learning approach in the food and fiber industries; and identify career opportunities in Agriculture.

General Course Requirements:

Class attendance is required. If you have more than three unexcused absences, you should consult with me about your grade. Anyone who wishes to withdraw from class must take the responsibility to formally drop with the Registrar; otherwise a failing grade will be given.

Office Hours

MWTR 7:30-8:00; 12:30-1:30; TR 10:30-11:00; T 3:30-4:30; R 1:00-3:00

Appointments with me may be scheduled at other times. Call for an appointment at (903) 434-8177. My office is located in AGC 110 and my e-mail address is chenry@ntcc.edu .

ADA Statement

It is the policy of Northeast Texas Community College to provide reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals who are students with disabilities. This College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to arrange an appointment with a College counselor to obtain a Request for Accommodations form. For more information, please refer to the Northeast Texas Community College Catalog or Student Handbook.

Family Educational Rights And Privacy Act (Ferpa):

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's educational records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are considered "eligible students." In essence, a parent has no legal right to obtain information concerning the child's college records without the written consent of the student. In compliance with FERPA, information classified as "directory information" may be released to the general public without the written consent of the student unless the student makes a request in writing. Directory information is defined as: the student's name, permanent address and/or local address, telephone listing, dates of attendance, most recent previous education institution attended, other information including major, field of study, degrees, awards received, and participation in officially recognized activities/sports.

Academic Dishonesty:

Cheating is against the Northeast Texas Community College policy. Cheating includes any attempt to defraud, deceive, or mislead the professor in arriving at an honest grade assessment. Plagiarism is a form of cheating that involves presenting as one’s own the ideas or work of another.

Violation of the cheating policy may result in a lowered grade of “F” in the course. A grade assigned to a student because of an alleged cheating policy violation may be appealed by the student through the appeals process of the College. See the Student Handbook for details. I recommend that you become familiar with your handbook.

Grading:

Grades will be computed as follows:

Exam:	20%	Resume:	20%
Job Interview:	20%	Class Participation:	10%
Assignments:	30%		

The grading scale below will be used to determine your final grade.

Points	grade
90-100	A
80- 89	B
70- 79	C
60- 69	D
BELOW 59%	F

Exams:

There will be 1 exam that counts for 20% of your overall grade.

Class Participation:

Class participation is based on attendance, classroom discussion, and participation.

Resume:

Each student will be required to submit two resumes. One resume will be a current resume and the second resume will be how you would like for it to appear in 5 years. The due date will be posted on Blackboard.

Assignments:

Various assignments will be assigned as group and/or individual projects throughout the semester

Job Interview:

Each student will be required to have a mock job interview with the instructor and peers. A job description will be given to the students before the interview. The date and time of the interviews will be given to the students during the semester and posted on Blackboard.

Course Objectives:

The student should be able to:

- Identify careers in agriculture and agribusiness
- Understand the role of agriculture in the US and world economy
- Understand the importance of agriculture to our society
- Understand the importance of developing leaders in agriculture
- Understand the existence of multiple approaches to agriculture production including organic, sustainable, and conventional systems
- Create a resume, conduct a phone interview, and personal interview
- Understand the importance of goal setting
- Understand the importance of a good job interview and resume