

AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS COMPETITION

ABUS 300, Spring 2008

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

This course prepares interested students for regional and national Quiz Bowl competition of the American Agricultural Economics Association. Areas of preparation include agricultural business and economics, general agriculture, statistics, economics, accounting, finance management and marketing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Benefits to students include the chance to improve their understanding of agricultural economics and business. Those who participate in the national competition will also have the opportunity to network with universities from around the country that have graduate and undergraduate programs in agricultural economics and business. Students will also meet industry and government representatives in attendance.
- Another purpose of this course is to assist students to prepare for the annual American Agricultural Economics Association Quiz Bowl competition. The competition takes place during the Annual AAEA professional meetings. The annual meeting is typically held during the first week of August. The Quiz Bowl portion of the meetings is a competition among 25 or more different universities with Agricultural Economics or Agricultural Business programs from the US and Canada.
- The course covers subject matters that are directly related to materials learned in the agricultural business major. Some of the areas covered include Agricultural Economics (ABUS 101 and 301), Agricultural Finance (ABUS 465), Accounting (ABUS 261 and ABUS 262 (ACCT 202)), and Agricultural Price Analysis (ABUS 415). Also subject matter from the following courses has been covered in the past: ABUS 451, ABUS 311, MATH 105, ECON 102, ANSC 101 and PSSC 101.
- All students across campus are welcome to take the course.
- Selection of students who will compete (3 per team plus an alternate with a maximum of two teams) will be based on: 1) overall course performance and 2) performance on an end-of-the-year tournament among class participants.

INSTRUCTIONAL FORMAT

Course material will be presented in team quiz format, using electronic buzzers to respond to questions. Questions with five levels of difficulty are related to the seven areas discussed in bullet 3. All students are expected to participate in the "game" format.

GRADING

This is a Credit/No Credit course. To receive a final course grade of Credit, a student will be expected to attend a minimum of 80% of all classes.

This syllabus is subject to change.