ABUS 390 – World Food and Hunger        FALL 2017  
College of Agriculture California State University, Chico 

Classroom ---  **Plumas 106** on Tues. and Thurs. 8:00-9:15 AM  
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**Course and Catalog Description:** A study of agricultural problems and policies of developing nations. Emphasis on cultural values; physical, economic, and political constraints; hunger and international trade. This is an approved General Education and Global Cultures course. Examination of contemporary environmental and related issues that are strongly linked to the past, the current and the potential future environmental, agricultural, and food industry issues.


Students are responsible for other reading materials as assigned.

**Potential Topical Areas***
- What is Agriculture?
- Food and World Population
- Hunger and Poverty and Food Security
- Biotechnology
- Biofuels and renewable fuels
- Ag Chemicals
- Organic and other farming methods

* Final list determined in class

It is good to remember that when considering agriculture, food, malnutrition, population and the environment – facts are important.

**Grades will be based on the following:**
- Quizzes, between 6 and 12 @ 25 points each......................... 150 to 300
- Exams [Includes Final Exam] -- 3 @ 100 points each ........ 300
- Individual and/or team assignments, [Includes Country Reports] as many as 2 to 6 (points assigned at the time) 100 to 300

Total 550 to 900
Letter grades will be determined based on your percentage of total points awarded in the course as follows:

- 90% - 100%    A
- 80% - 89%      B
- 70% - 79%      C
- 60% - 69%     D
- Below 60%     F

**Exams and Quizzes:** An unexcused absence during a quiz or exam will result in a zero. If you must miss an exam or quiz because of an excused absence, please notify me prior to the exam/quiz. Lowest quiz will be dropped from final grading.

**Attendance:** You are responsible for all the information assigned for reading and for all material presented in class, therefore, attendance is strongly encouraged. If you know you will miss a class, notify me in advance to make appropriate arrangements.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY:** Each student is encouraged to work with other students on assigned readings and exercises and to elicit help from the full range of helpful people and information sources. However, the student is expected to complete exercises in his/her own words. The student's quiz and exam answers are to be prepared by him/her and represent his/her own work. Academic dishonesty CANNOT be tolerated. Each student is responsible for their conduct and for adhering to University Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines that apply to them.

**OFFICE HOURS:** You are encouraged to visit the instructor. Bring with you specific questions or troublesome topics to make your visit as productive as possible. If your grades are less than satisfactory from your point of view, failure to visit your instructor will indicate a lack of concern. **You can schedule with me almost any time with great flexibility.**

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| 1 | **“Seeking Agriculture’s Ancient Roots”**  
**“Investing in a Better Future through Public Agricultural Research 2011”** |
| 2 | **Discuss Week 1 Readings**  
Quiz – “Seeking Agriculture’s Ancient Roots”  
Read WFP – 1. Introduction and WFP - 2. Famine  
TUESDAY |
| 3 | **Quiz – “Investing in Ag Research”**  
WFP – 3 Malnutrition Defined  
WFP – 7 Economics: Supply and Demand  
Quiz – WFP – 1 and 2 |
| TBA | More later |