

AGRI 180-01
University Experience
Course Requirements and Outline
Spring 2012

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Office Hours: Monday: 10:00 am- 11:00 am
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Course Meeting Times: MW 9:00 – 9:50 am; PLMS 329
8 Weeks (ends 3/14/12)

Required Material: Vista Access

Session Goals: Students will develop an understanding of the university life and what it takes to be successful at California State University, Chico.

Grading:

This course is a 1 unit student success course for students majoring in Agriculture, Agricultural Business or Animal Science. The grading for this course is Credit/No Credit. You must earn at least 75% of the possible points to receive Credit for this course!

Attendance:	30% of grade
Homework/Assignments:	40% of grade
Quizzes & Final Exam:	30% of grade

Assignments and Activities

ATTENDANCE (30% of grade)

By enrolling in this course, you are committing to regular attendance! Three or more unexcused absences will result in a NO CREDIT grade. If your cell phone goes off in class or you are using it for any reason, you will be dismissed from class for the day and receive an unexcused absence.

HOMEWORK/ASSIGNMENTS (40% of grade)

You will have several exercises throughout the duration of this course – all due dates are listed in this syllabus. Assignment will be posted on Vista and be due via Vista – so pay attention to all assignment instructions. No late assignments will be accepted (see Course Policies)!

NOTE: Part of college is accepting responsibility for due dates – therefore you will not be receiving reminders of assignments due – so pay attention!

Meet the College (Due 2/6 in class)

Introduce yourself to 3 College of Agriculture faculty and/or staff. One of them needs to be your advisor! Find out 2-3 facts about that person and fill out the form found on Vista.

Literature Review (Draft Literature Cited due: 2/22, Draft Literature Review due: 2/29, FINAL of both due: 3/12)

You will be performing a very brief literature review for this class. You may pick the topic – within your area of interest. You will have several deadlines to help you through the process. This is to prepare you for many of the upper division courses in the College of Agriculture. You must use the APA method for all your references.

The literature review criteria:

- Minimum of 4 and a maximum of 6 typed pages (excluding reference list)
- Double spaced
- One inch margins
- 12 point font (Times New Roman ONLY)

Academic Plan (Due 3/5 at midnight on Vista)

In the form provided on Vista, document your academic plan. Plan must account for all your general education and major coursework.

Get Involved Write-Up (Due 3/12 on Vista)

This assignment is designed to get you involved on campus. Attend a College of Ag club meeting. Write a 200 word mini-essay detailing what happened at the meeting and how you would benefit by being involved in the club. Club opportunities will be introduced to you in class on 2/6.

Mandatory Advising (March 26- April 6th)

The College of Agriculture requires all students to participate in Mandatory Advising. This period is always the two weeks immediately preceding registration. Your assignment is to see your advisor during this time and have them sign the Mandatory Advising Card. You will have a hold placed on your registration and you will not receive credit for this course if you do not complete this on time. In class we will fill out your mandatory advising cards and you will receive credit for that in-class assignment.

QUIZZES & FINAL EXAM (30% of grade)

There will be one comprehensive final at the end of the course. You will have two hours to complete the final, it will be available on Vista and will be multiple choice, true/false, short answer, and/or fill in the blank. The instructor reserves the right to assign online quizzes as needed throughout the semester.

**REMINDER: YOU MUST COMPLETE (SUCCESSFULLY)
AT LEAST 75% OF THE ABOVE TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THIS COURSE!**

****Disclaimer: due to situations beyond the instructor's control, she reserves the right to alter assignments and other course activities in this syllabus as the need arises.*** Please check the course Vista Blackboard announcements and email daily to keep up with class requirements and receive information about upcoming activities and extra credit opportunities. It is the student's responsibility to have the current syllabus.

Course Policies

- Realize you are preparing for your future. Your attitude and effort will carry you further than your academic abilities. Know that all 3 of these combined (attitude, effort, ability) will define the individual you will become. Your professors are only here to guide you; it's up to **you** to learn the course material.
- **Read and follow directions. You have a syllabus which has due dates, use it.** Periodically, during lecture, other assignments can be assigned at the instructor's discretion.
- **Attend class. The instructors have little patience for absenteeism.**
- It is each student's responsibility to be aware of exam dates, assignment due dates, grades, etc.
- Missing class does not relieve the student of his/her educational responsibilities and **late work is not accepted for any reason**. Personal tragedy cannot be redeemed for course credit (see the CSUC catalog for information).
- The instructor will not repeat missed lectures so if you miss class, get with some classmates to get any lecture information you may have missed. Ask the instructor your specific questions about a missed lecture after you have studied the material provided to you by a classmate.
- **Treat all communications with the instructor as a professional business exchange** that includes salutations and signatures. Emails that are not professionally composed (i.e., use textspeak) or ask questions that can be answered from reading the syllabus will not be returned and answered.
- No make-up exams/quizzes will be allowed, except for absences which have been cleared prior to the absence with the instructor. For school related activities, a letter or email from the supporting faculty/instructor is required prior to the absence.
- You will have a one-week period following the return of any exams, quizzes, or assignments to resolve any questions regarding the grading. After that time period, all grades are final.
- You should retain all graded items until a final course grade is assigned.
- If there is evidence that you have been involved in any form of academic dishonesty, you will receive an "F" grade for the course, be locked from Vista, and a report will be provided to the Student Judicial Affairs for further action.
- If you need specific accommodations due to a disability (or other circumstances), you must contact a counselor at Disability Support Services, 530-898-5959.

Expected Student Behavior in the Classroom

- All students have the right and privilege to learn in class, free from harassment and disruption. Inappropriate or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated, nor will lewd or foul language. Disruptive students will be dismissed from class for the remainder of the day with no make up work allowed. The student will need to meet with the instructor about correcting her/his behavior prior to returning to class.
- Out of concern for student safety, only certified service animals that are required for use by the student are allowed in the lab. No animals-in-training are allowed in class.
- Cell phones, iPods, iPhone, Droid, BlackJack, Treo, BlackBerry, Kindle, MP3 players, Walkmans (for the few of us who still have them), and all other electronic devices and earpieces (with the exception of calculators and educationally-approved assistance devices [iPad or translational dictionaries]) must be turned off and put away during class. **Respect your fellow students and turn your phone off!**
- **Students who receive a phone call or use a cell phone (e.g., emailing, browsing, talking or texting) will be dismissed from class or lab for the remainder of the day with no make up work allowed. If this is during an exam, the student will be immediately dismissed and will earn a 0 grade on the exam.**
- Students are expected to pay attention to and participate in all class meetings. Reading other materials (e.g., other class materials, cell phones, laptops, newspapers, magazines) during class will be grounds for dismissal from class for the remainder of the day with no make up work allowed.
- Students are to remain in class during the entire session with the exception of breaks or medical necessity. Students are not allowed to come and go during the class session. Any student who leaves class early will receive a zero (0) on that week's lab attendance.
- All class participants are expected to exhibit respectful behavior to other students, staff, the instructors, and any class visitors.
- Tobacco use is not allowed in class.
- The class follows the standards set in the ***Code of Students Rights and Responsibilities (Executive Memorandum, EM 96-38)*** and students are subject to disciplinary action for violation of that code.

Course Outline: Subject to change at the instructor's discretion

Date	Day	Lecture	Activities
1/23	Monday	Introduction	Course expectations
1/25	Wednesday	Academic Planning: Day 1	General Education, Major Requirements. <i>"Am I in the right classes??!"</i>
1/30	Monday	Academic Planning: Work Day	Work on Academic Plans, course articulations, etc.
2/1	Wednesday	Academic Planning: Work Day	Finish Academic Plans
2/3	Friday		ADD/DROP PERIOD ENDS
2/6	Monday	Get involved!	Meet the College assignment due Opportunities in the College of Agriculture & campus wide
2/8	Wednesday	Career Center and Resumes	Guest Lecture: Jodie Rettinhouse
2/13	Monday	Professional Communication & College Success Strategies	
2/15	Wednesday	Writing Skills: Day 1	Researching skills, using the library website, APA formatting
2/20	Monday	Writing Skills: Day 2	Writing a Literature Review
2/22	Wednesday	Auntie Audrey's Guide to being Safe in Chico	Literature Cited Draft Due
2/27	Monday	Academic Honesty	
2/29	Wednesday	Financial Aid & Scholarships	Literature Review Draft Due
3/5	Monday	Fall 2012 Schedule Planning	Using the Wildcat Scheduler, filling out Mandatory Advising Cards Academic Plan assignment due
3/7	Wednesday	Closure	
3/12	Monday	100 point Final Exam	Get Involved Write-Up & FINAL Literature Review Due
3/14	Wednesday	NO CLASS	