Draft ABUS 465: Agricultural Finance  Spring 2017

ABUS 465.01  Tues & Thurs:  PLMS 329  ---  12:30 – 1:20
ABUS 465.02  Tues: Activity  PLMS 315  ---  2:00 – 3:50
ABUS 465.03  Tues: Activity  PLMS 315  ---  4:00 – 5:50

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Course Description:

Course Objective:
- Using practical applications of financial accounting, students will:
  - Discuss the importance of the financial aspects of an agribusiness;
  - Investigate methodologies useful in analyzing current and future financial operations. Specifically, students will have the opportunity to:
    - Use spreadsheet software to investigate financial management concepts by completing lab activities which cover such topics as: financial records and statements, budgeting, the time value of money, risk assessment, etc.;
  - Utilize capital budgeting procedures to compare capital investment alternative opportunities;
  - Survey sources of financial capital and
- If time allows -- explore financial derivatives (e.g., options and swaps) w/r/t managing agricultural risk.

Textbook:  (Required text may be identified no later than January 31.)
Note: additional readings will be assigned and/or posted on Blackboard.

Course Management/Policies
Dropping and Adding
You are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drops, academic renewal, etc. found http://www.csuchico.edu/catalog/ . You should be aware of the new deadlines and penalties for adding and dropping classes.
**Academic Integrity**
Students are expected to be familiar with the University’s Academic Integrity Policy. Your own commitment to learning, as evidenced by your enrollment at California State University, Chico, and the University’s Academic Integrity Policy requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the Office of Student Judicial Affairs. The policy on academic integrity and other resources related to student conduct can be found at: http://www.csuchico.edu/sjd/integrity.shtml.

**Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act**
If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the DSS Office (Disability Support Services) to establish a record of their disability.

Special accommodations for exams require ample notice to the testing office and must be submitted to the instructor well in advance of the exam date.

**Student Services**
Student services are designed to assist students in the development of their full academic potential and to motivate them to become self-directed learners. Students can find support for services such as skills assessment, individual or group tutorials, subject advising, learning assistance, summer academic preparation and basic skills development. Student services information can be found at: http://www.csuchico.edu/current-students.

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**Tentative Course Schedule to follow**