

Agricultural Seminar: Careers in the Livestock Industry AGRI 2209

COURSE SYLLABUS

INSTRUCTOR

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OFFICE HOURS

By appointment – I am willing to work with anyone who attends class regularly. My schedule is variable, thus see me after class or call/e-mail to make an office appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Offers an introduction to the careers in the livestock industry, and a discussion of career exploration, career preparation, as well as the procedure of job placement.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- _ Understand the broad scope of disciplines and opportunities that exist in the equine, beef, dairy, poultry and pork industries.
- _ Become marketable candidates for positions of their choice in the production, marketing, processing of cattle, poultry and swine.
- _ Become marketable candidates for positions of their choice in the production, training, and use of all types of horses.
- _ Become marketable candidates for positions of their choice in the livestock support and allied industries

- (feed, health, sales, promotion, etc.).
- _ Evaluate students' current readiness for career placement and make adjustments to better facilitate successful placement in the career of choice.
- _ Create a plan for career development.

COURSE FORMAT

Support materials will be presented by instructor and discussed with students during the first few weeks. Guest speakers from various careers will participate in panel discussions. Some speakers will be alumni.

SCHEDULE

T 8 – 8:50 AM
AG SCI 139

CLASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance and active participation is mandatory and necessary for educational success !!!!!

GRADING SYSTEM

Participation in Class	100
Career Shadowing Report	100
Resume'	100
Career Connections Report	100
Sunbelt Expo Report	100
Career Plan	<u>100</u>
	<u>600</u>

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

- A = 90% and above**
- B = 80-89%**
- C = 70-79%**
- D = 60-69%**
- E = below 60%.**

IMPORTANT DATES

~PLEASE NOTE ALL DATES~

*No class, but must attend
Fall Break & Sunbelt Ag Expo
October 18
Career Connections
November 16*

Career Shadowing

During the semester, you are required to spend a day with an industry professional that represents your career goal. Selection of the person should be done with the course instructors and your academic advisor.

After completing a day of shadowing you should have a good understanding of the career area/position including the responsibilities, requirements for placement and the characteristics of a successful employee in this position.

A one page "Word" document will be e-mailed to Dr. Marshall's office for posting. These could be used in developing the student's Career Plan.

Career Plan

1. Develop your career goals.
2. Name five people who currently work in this type of position. Give their vital career information.
3. What do you plan to do to make yourself a "marketable, desirable, candidate"?

Academic Honesty

"I understand that ABAC expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty, and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the college."

Class Behavior

1. Cell phones will be off in class!!
2. Hats will be off in class.
3. No eating, dipping, chewing.
4. Do not be late. It is rude and

irresponsible and will hurt your grade.

5. The only excuse for missing class is participation in a professional activity or your personal death. Notify me in advance, with proof, of missed class time.

6. Class will be conducted as an open, yet orderly environment.



DATE	SUBJECT
Aug. 17	Introduction to Course: Setting Career Goals, Exploring Career Opportunities, Networking and Professional Development Plan
Aug. 24	What are the Career Opportunities?
Aug. 31	Overview of the Career Opportunities: Animal Production and Management, Animal Marketing, Health Care, Nutritional Support, Converting Animals to Food, Horse Training and Use, Wholesale and Retail of Support Supplies,...
Sept. 7	Continued
Sept. 14	Continued
Sept 21	Resume' Development Phone calls, e-mail, cover letters, texting
Sept. 28	Interviewing Skills and Professionalism
Oct. 5	Resources: magazines and internet
Oct. 12	Internships and Career Shadowing: Why, How, When, Who...
Oct. 19	Sunbelt Ag Expo
Oct. 26	Speaker
Nov. 2	Speaker
Nov. 9	Speaker
Nov. 16	ABAC Career Connections
Nov. 23	Speaker
Nov. 30	Wrap-up

Project Due Dates:

October 5 - Resume'

October 26 – Career Plan

October 26 – Sunbelt Ag Expo Report

November 23 – Career Connections Report

November 30 – Career Shadowing Report