Sophomore Seminar

AGEC 29800
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1 Credit

Division 1 – TR 10:30 – 11:45 GRIS 280
Division 2 – TR 1:30 – 2:45 RAWLS 3058

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Academic Integrity

University policy on academic misconduct is clear - academic dishonesty in any form is strictly prohibited. Instances of academic dishonesty will be referred to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action. Penalties are severe and may include failure on the exam, quiz, paper, or project, failure in the course, and/or expulsion from the University. The risks associated with academic dishonesty far outweigh the perceived benefits. Academic dishonesty includes citing someone else's work as your own, using unauthorized "crib sheets" during exams, or sharing your answers with someone else. If you are unsure whether an action you are considering constitutes academic dishonesty, seek clarification from your instructor.

Objectives:

• To assist sophomore, transfer, and CODO students in developing a plan of study to meet graduation requirements and complement their general career objective.

• To provide students a forum to obtain knowledge from industry and faculty professionals in regards to professional and personal development.

• To introduce students to opportunities provided through the Department of Agricultural Economics and Purdue University.

• To provide information on resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, and professional etiquette.

Course Website – http://www.itap.purdue.edu/tlt/blackboard/index.cfm

• Copies of the syllabus, class schedule, and assignments are on the web

• E-mail messages and announcements will be sent to your Purdue e-mail account

• Grades can be found on the class website

Grading Procedures:
Your grade will be determined by total points earned via course assignments, on-line quizzes, and the plan of study project as well as points lost with the below attendance policy:

**Total Points To Earn – 215 Points**
- Assignment 1-7 (10 points/assignment) = 70 Points
- On-Line Quizzes 1-9 (5 points/quiz) = 45 Points
- Plan of Study I – 20 Points
- Plan of Study II – 35 Points
- Plan of Study III – 45 Points

**Attendance Policy – Points to Lose**
- Absence 1 – Free Absence – Lose 0 Points
- Absence 2 – Lose 11 Points (5% Grade)
- Absence 3 – Lose Additional 21 Points (10% Grade) – Total Loss of 32 Points or 15% of Grade
- Absence 4 – Lose Additional 21 Points (10% Grade) – Total Loss of 53 Points or 25% of Grade
*Each additional absence is another 21 Points or 10% of the final grade

**Grading Scale:**

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**Method of Evaluation:**

**ATTENDANCE:**
- This is a seminar course and you are expected to attend class.
- If you cannot attend class, a written explanation must be turned in by Friday of that week.
- Explanations will be evaluated on a case by case situation.

**II. PLAN OF STUDY:**
- Developing a plan of study which includes all degree requirements is essential to your success.
- The responsibility of meeting these requirements is **your responsibility**.
- The plan of study is worth 100 points or 46.5% of your final grade.

**III. ASSIGNMENTS:**
- During the semester, you will have 7 assignments. Each assignment is worth 10 points and collectively worth 70 points or 32.5% of your final grade.
- These assignments are listed on the AGEC 298 Class Schedule.

**IV. ON-LINE QUIZZES:**
- During the semester, you will have 9 on-line quizzes on Blackboard. Each assignment is worth 5 points and collectively worth 45 points or 21% of your final grade.
- These on-line quizzes will be e-mailed to you at your Purdue account and each quiz will have a time deadline. It will be essential for you to read your Purdue e-mail on a daily basis.