

# **AGEC 690E Course Description**

This course focuses on modern microeconomic tools that are relevant for research in agribusiness and other specializations in agricultural economics. Students will be exposed to basic game theory, contract theory, mechanism design, and modern theories of the firm. Students will also gain an appreciation for the importance of market and institutional design in shaping reputational and relational transactions that occur within firms, between firms, and in environments where formal enforcement of agreements is weak. Though the course is meant for agribusiness Ph.D. students, the topics covered are useful to students interested in development economics and policy design.