

AGSC 4990 – AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR

Tuesday 7:00-7:50 PM, Science Center 114

Fall Semester 2011

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Course Description & Objectives: This is a capstone course that provides students an opportunity to gain greater exposure to the profession of agriculture, explore employment opportunities, and further develop skills in leadership and service. Students enrolled in this class will be expected to mentor younger students and serve in leadership capacities in the class for activities and projects. Students may enroll up to two times for credit.

Prerequisite: AGSC 1990

Textbook: None

Grading:

Minimum requirements for an **A** grade

- Attend eight **Class Sessions** (2 absences allowed)
- Participate in both class **Discussion Meets**
- Participate in two Ag Projects and complete the **Ag Projects Form**
- Attend one University Event and complete the **University Event Form**
- Attend one of the SUU career workshops and complete the **Career Workshop Form** (due Tuesday, November 15)
- Submit a **Cover Letter** and a **Resume** for a job position that interests you (due Tuesday, November 15)

Grading criteria

- Each missing component from the minimum requirements listed above results in a full letter grade reduction (e.g. A reduced to B)
- Lack of completeness or quality in any individual requirement results in one grade step reduction (e.g. A reduced to A-)

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Ag Leadership/Ag Seminar/Ag Club

Fall 2011 Schedule

Tuesday, August 23	Class Session: Introductions & Syllabus
Thursday, August 25	Ag Project: Club Fair booth - 6-8PM @ Multi-purpose Quad
Tuesday, August 30	Class Session: Discussion Meet Orientation & Project/Committee Planning
Tuesday, September 6	NO CLASS - Ag Club Opening Social
Thursday, September 8	Ag Project: Southwest Livestock Show - Judging Contest
Friday, September 9	Ag Project: Southwest Livestock Show - Buyers Dinner tables & chairs
Tuesday, September 13	Class Session: Guest Speaker
Saturday, September 17	Ag Project: Homecoming Parade
Tuesday, September 20	Class Session: Guest Speaker
Wednesday, September 21	University Event: School of Business Career Fair
Tuesday, September 27	Ag Project: FFA Land, Livestock, Horse, & Range Judging Contents
Tuesday, September 27	Class Session: Guest Speaker
Tuesday, October 4	NO CLASS - Ag Club Activity
Tuesday, October 11	Class Session: Discussion Meet 1
Tuesday, October 18	NO CLASS - Fall Break
Friday, October 21	University Event: Graduate School Fair - 10AM-2PM @ Ballroom
Tuesday, October 25	Class Session: Academic Advising
Saturday, October 29	Ag Project: Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival Parade
Tuesday, November 1	NO CLASS - Ag Club Activity
Tuesday, November 8	Class Session: Discussion Meet 2
Tuesday, November 15	Class Session: Guest Speaker
Wednesday, November 16	UFBF Young Farmer & Rancher Discussion Meet @ Layton, UT
Thu-Fri, November 17-18	Utah Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention @ Layton, UT
Tuesday, November 22	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving Recess
Tuesday, November 29	Class Session: Guest Speaker
Tuesday, December 5	NO CLASS - Ag Club Closing Social

TBA (early November) **Ag Project:** FFA Discussion Meet

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Ag Projects Form

Name _____

Indicate the approved projects in which you participated (minimum requirement of two).

- Assisted with Ag Club booth at Club Fair
- Helped plan or conduct Ag Club Opening Social
- Invited and coordinated Guest Speaker for class
- Helped with Judging Contest or Buyers Dinner for Southwest Livestock Show
- Helped with Ag Club float for Homecoming Parade
- Helped with FFA Land, Livestock, Horse, & Range Judging Contests
- Helped plan or conduct October Ag Club Activity
- Helped with Ag Club float for Cedar Livestock & Heritage Festival Parade
- Helped plan or conduct November Ag Club Activity
- Helped with FFA Discussion Meet
- Helped plan or conduct Ag Club Closing Social
- Other approved project: _____

What was your role in the projects indicated above?

How effective were these projects, and how could they be improved?

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University Event Form

Name _____

Indicate the university event you attended.

- Graduate School Fair
- Career & Internship Fair
- Athletic Event
- Arts Event
- Other university-sponsoreded event: _____

Date of the event: _____

Briefly describe the event you attended.

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Career Workshop Form

Name _____

Make an appointment to attend one of the career workshops available through the Career Café in the Sharwan Smith Center (ST 177, 435-865-8784, MWF 8AM-5PM).

Indicate the workshop you attended.

- Resume Writing
- Interview Skills
- State & Federal Job Search
- Internet Job Search
- Other workshop: _____

Date of workshop: _____

Briefly describe what you learned from the workshop.