Introduction to Agricultural Education
AGSC 2300
Course Syllabus

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Course Description: This course will provide future agricultural educators with the history and principles of agricultural education, community assessment of agricultural programs, planning and development of agricultural youth organizations.

Time and Location: TTR AT 9:30 AM IN MCS 210

Prerequisite: None


Student Learning Outcomes: Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Identify the historical and philosophical foundations of agricultural education.
2. Demonstrate foundations used for successful preparation and presentation of instruction in agricultural education.
3. Apply learning theories and practices in the development of teaching philosophies in instruction for formal and non-formal educational programs.
4. Identify and critique alternative explanations for claims about social issues and human behavior.
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the appropriate methods, technologies, and data that social and behavioral scientists use to investigate the human condition.
6. Identify and appreciate differences and commonalities among cultures.

Methods of Assessing the Expected Learning Outcomes: Written assignments, In-class presentations, three exams, professional portfolio and quizzes.
Course Policies: Late assignments will not be accepted, and students turning in late assignments will receive a grade of “0” for that assignment. In case of excused absence, students will be required to show documentation for the absence for late assignments to be accepted. A STUDENT THAT IS SATISFIED WITH THEIR FINAL GRADE AND MEETS THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT DOES NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE FINAL AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER.

Class Attendance: Attendance is not an option, it is an expectation! Much of the course material will be absorbed through discussions, small group participation and in-class activities. Students may have up to two absences, excused or otherwise, without penalty. No questions will be asked, and no excuses need to be provided. Although missed assignments will still be considered on time with the proper documentation. Upon a student’s third absence, THE STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE THE COMPREHENSIVE FINAL WITH NO EXCEPTIONS ACCEPTED!!! Exceptions to this rule will be for religious observances and approved trips with the proper documentation only!

Course Grades: Grading Scale
A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = Below 60%

Assignments
Exams = 300 points
Written Assignments = 50 points
Presentations = 50 points
Portfolio = 100 points
Quizzes = 10 points
Final Exam= 100 points

Students grade will be calculated by total number of points earned, divided by the total number of points possible and a letter grade will be assigned.

Academic Integrity: Angelo State University "expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom." Academic integrity means the student does his or her own academic work, unless the instructor explicitly permits collaboration. Academic work that was developed through collaboration or academic references must clearly indicate the location and author of the original source, and students may not fabricate or represent academic work involving data collection and analysis as original work if obtained from a secondary source. "The university may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to," the information listed below.

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2. Cheating
3. Fabrication
4. Misrepresentation
5. Conspiracy
6. Misuse of both Technology and Library Materials

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Student Contact: The Student Life Office is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, at (325) 942-2191 or (325) 942-2126 (TDD/FAX) or by e-mail at Student.Life@angelo.edu to begin the process.