Course Syllabus
Agricultural Youth Leadership Organizations
AGSC 3331

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course will provide future agricultural educators with a comprehensive overview of the components of an Agricultural Education program including the application of leadership principles with an emphasis on teaching elements of the National FFA & 4-H Organizations, interpersonal and personal skills and Leadership Development Events in a high school setting.

PREREQUISITE: None

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: Through in-class exercises, assignments, projects, and examinations students are expected to demonstrate the following:
1. Describe the development and structure of the National FFA Organization and the National 4-H Youth Organization.
2. Summarize the history of the National FFA Organization.
3. Identify opportunities available for students to demonstrate leadership skills and characteristics.
4. Demonstrate effective techniques for preparing students in Leadership Development Events.
5. Discuss skills and characteristics that contribute to success in Leadership Development Events.
6. Develop techniques for teaching leadership to youth.

METHODS FOR ASSESSING THE EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The expected learning outcomes for the course will be assessed through the following:
Creed performance, organizational profile report, competition in leadership report, leadership event report, lesson presentations, leadership event presentation and exams.

COURSE MATERIALS:

FFA Chapter Manual
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.

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. An Attendance quiz will be given every week at the instructors discretion. The material on the quiz will come from reading material uploaded into blackboard on Sunday before each week. Quizzes will be 10 pts. each week. Missing quizzes will dramatically affect your final grade.

Course Grades: Grading Scale

A = 90-100%
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = Below 60%

Assignments

Exams = 300 points
Written Reports = 50 points
Presentations = 50 points
Creed Performance = 50 points
Parliamentary Procedure = 50 points
Quizzes = 10 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.

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3. Fabrication
4. Misrepresentation
5. Conspiracy
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