

AG. 110 INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

COURSE DESCRIPTION: A basic introductory course designed to introduce beginning students to Agricultural Education. This course includes agricultural career development, leadership, communications, and personal finance.

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Importance of World Agriculture	235
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Communication Skill Development	705
Leadership through the FFA	940
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TOTAL MINUTES	4,230

A. Importance of World Agriculture

1. Understand supply and demand of food and fiber
2. Identify the availability of renewable and nonrenewable agricultural resources
3. Understand the impact of agriculture on the world economy
4. Describe the interdependency of agriculture and other segments of society

B. Historical Significance of Agriculture

1. Identify key developments shaping modern agriculture in the world
2. Identify key developments shaping modern agriculture in the United States

C. Agriculture and World Politics

1. Identify factors affecting world trade
2. Recognize the impact of agriculture as a political tool

D. Agriculture and the Environment

1. Identify environmental concerns in agriculture
2. List methods of protecting the environment
3. Recognize the impact of the environment on agriculture

E. Food and Fiber System

1. Explain the food chain - from production to consumption
2. Explain the fiber chain - from production to usage

F. Agricultural Research and Development

1. Understand the impact of research and development and identify current developments in agricultural science and technology
2. Apply research and development in the classroom and laboratory.

G. Career Exploration in Agriculture

1. Conduct a career self-analysis
2. Recognize the career decision-making process
3. Develop job seeking skills
4. Identify full-time career opportunities in agriculture
5. Identify part-time career opportunities in agriculture
6. Identify a vocational opportunities in agriculture

H. Personal and Social Skill Development

1. Develop professionalism and ethics
2. Use proper etiquette and behavior
3. Explore personal relations
4. Practice good grooming and health habits

I. Communication Skill Development

1. Understand the importance of effective communication: speaking
2. Understand the importance of effective communication: writing
3. Improve communication skills through organized activities
4. Utilize the media for effective communication

J. Leadership Through the FFA

1. Develop life skills for effective leadership
2. Explore opportunities for leadership development through the FFA
3. Use Democratic principles in conducting effective meetings
4. Understand the FFA Organization

K. Financial Management Through Record Keeping

1. Discuss the importance and procedures of keeping accurate records
2. Describe the importance and use of budgeting
3. Describe the importance and procedures of personal finance

L. SAE Programs

1. Identify various types of Supervised Agricultural Experience programs
2. Describe the characteristics of successful Supervised Agricultural Experience programs
3. Select and plan individual Supervised Agricultural Experience programs