

Syllabus - Agronomy Orientation

AGR 113 - Fall 2019

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Course Description:

Credit Hours: 0.50. An introduction to the academic programs offered in the Department of Agronomy, which includes Applied Meteorology and Climatology, Agronomic Business and Marketing, Crop and Soil Management, Crop Science, International Agronomy, Plant Genetics-Breeding and Biotechnology, and Soil and Water Sciences. Topics include, but are not limited to undergraduate plans of study, courses, experiential programs, internships, student organizations, career opportunities, academic policies, scholarships, and student services. Course meets during weeks 1-8. Typically offered Fall.

Meeting time/location: Thursdays, 3:30-4:20 pm; LILY 2-102 for the first 8 weeks of the semester.

Course documents available on the course web site

https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/courses/Pages/113_default.aspx

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Course Goals: This course is intended to:

- a. Welcome students to Purdue Agronomy
- b. Familiarize students with Purdue Agronomy faculty and the range of disciplines included in the department
- c. Help students to plan for and achieve success in the full breadth of their university and related experiences.
- d. Equip students to utilize the many resources available in support of academic and professional success.

Requirements:

1. **Attendance** at all class sessions. Please contact Dr. Schweitzer concerning any absence (in advance if possible).
2. **Resumes and CCO Profile** -- Prepare two copies of your chronological resume for class on September 12 and upload it and subsequent revisions to the Purdue Center For Career Opportunities (CCO) Express web site. Each version of your resume should be typed, chronological format and follow the guidelines given in the CCO Career Handbook as well as in class. Your resume should target one of the employers with whom you plan to visit at the College of Agriculture Career Fair.

September 12 – Two copies of current chronological resume due (one to critique in class and the other to turn in).

September 26 - Due date for your CCO staff-signed resume (see a member of the CCO staff in 132 YOUNG for critique and a signature prior to this date) stapled to your improved resume reflecting CCO-suggested improvements.

September 26 Due date for creating your profile on line and upload your improved resume to myCCO. The link for myCCO where you'll upload your resume and create your profile is

<https://www.cco.purdue.edu/#myCCO>

The profile and resume upload will allow you to use the full range of CCO web-based services including the option to make your resume available to potential employers over the web as you choose. You'll receive instructions in class on August 29 on how to upload your resume and create your CCO profile.

- 3. Company Research Outline – Due on September 5 – Company Research Outline Due – The details of this assignment are provided on a separate handout.** Outline an employer you've targeted with your resume and with whom you plan to speak at the October 1 College Of Agriculture Career Fair.

The direct link to a list of employers interviewing at the College of Agriculture Career Fair and links to their company background information (needed for your company research assignment and to prep for your interviews) is

<https://purdue-csm.symplicity.com/events/a5b1f74f57ded9a04d71ece71f4ca151/employers>

- 4. College of Agriculture Career Fair Participation on October 1 -** Participate in the College of Agriculture's Career Fair on October 1 in the Cordova Recreational Sports Center (walk - in visiting with company representatives from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm). Visit briefly with at least one company representative. Please have your resume in top shape both in printed form and as uploaded to the CCO web site prior to your participation in the Career Fair on October 1. Most students secure their interviews for Summer internships through this Career Fair and the formal interviews which follow either later in the week or soon thereafter, so please be thoroughly prepared to represent yourself well in order to be competitive for the best internship opportunities!

Note: Your participation in the October 1 Agriculture Career Fair is instead of the October 3 class meeting. Please contact Dr. Schweitzer for an alternate assignment if your class schedule or other obligations will not allow you to participate in the Career Fair. You'll be asked to register on site as you check in for participation at the Career Fair and your registration will also record your participation for this class.

https://ag.purdue.edu/oap/career/pages/student_career_fairs_main.aspx

Grading Each of you initially have an A in the course. Unsatisfactory completion of requirements 2, 3 and/or 4 will result in a one-letter grade reduction for each requirement not met. Unexcused absence will result in the following grade reductions:

- 1 letter grade with 2 unexcused class absences
- 2 letter grades with 3 unexcused class absences
- 3 letter grades with 4 unexcused class absences
- 4 letter grades with 5 unexcused class absences

Please let Dr. Schweitzer know if you have an emergency that interferes with class attendance or the completion of an assignment. Please also let him know if he can be of help or if you have questions.

Have a great semester!

Purdue University Academic Honesty Statement. Academic integrity is one of the highest values that Purdue University holds. Individuals are encouraged to alert university officials to potential breaches of this value by either emailing integrity@purdue.edu or by calling 765-494-8778. While information may be submitted anonymously, the more information that is submitted provides the greatest opportunity for the university to investigate the concern.”

Purdue Honor Pledge

“As a boilermaker pursuing academic excellence, I pledge to be honest and true in all that I do. Accountable together - we are Purdue.”

Diversity

All students are valued in the Purdue University community.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROCEDURES:

Preparedness will be critical IF an unexpected event occurs! Emergency preparedness is your personal responsibility. Purdue University is actively preparing for natural disasters or human-caused incidents with the ultimate goal of maintaining a safe and secure campus. Let’s review the following procedures:

- To report an emergency, call 911.
- To obtain updates regarding an ongoing emergency, and to sign up for Purdue Alert text messages, view www.purdue.edu/ea
- If we hear a **fire alarm**, we will immediately suspend class, **evacuate the building**, and proceed outdoors, and away from the building. **Do not use the elevator.**
- If we are notified of a Shelter in Place requirement for a tornado warning, we will suspend class and shelter in the lowest level of this building away from windows and doors.
- If we are notified of a Shelter in Place requirement for a hazardous materials release, or a civil disturbance, including a shooting or other use of weapons, we will suspend class and shelter in our classroom, shutting any open doors or windows, locking or securing the door, and turning off the lights.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEBSITE:

http://www.purdue.edu/ehps/emergency_preparedness/index.html