



Course Number and Title: AGS 225 Agriculture Seminar

Campus Location:

Georgetown

Effective Date:

2020-51

Prerequisite:

AGS 102, AGS 104, AGS 209

Co-Requisites:

None

Course Credits and Hours:

3.00 credits

3.00 lecture hours/week

0.00 lab hours/week

Course Description:

This course facilitates the successful transition of potential graduates into a professional career or transfer to a bachelor's degree program in the field of agriculture. This course covers the processes of researching employment opportunities within their career field by conducting independent reading and research, preparing resource documents to help with agribusiness employment and ownership, and obtaining information on current agriculture related topics.

Required Text(s):

Obtain current textbook information by viewing the [campus bookstore - https://www.dtcc.edu/bookstores](https://www.dtcc.edu/bookstores) online or visit a campus bookstore. Check your course schedule for the course number and section.

Additional Materials:

None

Schedule Type:

Classroom Course

Online Course

Disclaimer:

None

Core Course Performance Objectives (CCPOs):

1. Clarify goals and career expectations in the agriculture industry. (CCC 1, 5; PGC 1)
2. Develop effective strategies to achieve a successful career. (CCC 1, 5; PGC 1, 2)
3. Describe how to prepare for a career in the agriculture industry. (CCC 1, 5; PGC 1)
4. Identify various opportunities within the agriculture industry. (CCC 1, 5; PGC 1, 2, 3)

See Core Curriculum Competencies and Program Graduate Competencies at the end of the syllabus. CCPOs are linked to every competency they develop.

Measurable Performance Objectives (MPOs):

Upon completion of this course, the student will:

1. Clarify goals and career expectations in the agriculture industry.
 1. Create and develop an academic or career plan.
 2. List academic and career goals, and describe how to achieve each goal.
2. Develop effective strategies to achieve a successful career.
 1. Evaluate individual strengths and weaknesses.
 2. Develop personal and professional strategies for career search.
 3. Maintain a personal development outline.
3. Describe how to prepare for a career in the agriculture industry.
 1. Develop and modify a résumé or curriculum vitae.
 2. Prepare a professional cover letter.
 3. Create a list of professional references.
4. Identify various opportunities within the agriculture industry.
 1. Identify available positions in the agriculture field.
 2. Apply to an available job opportunity or a four year agriculture program.
 3. Identify potential agriculture position requirements.
 4. Follow the application instructions required for available positions in agriculture.

Evaluation Criteria/Policies:

Students must demonstrate proficiency on all CCPOs at a minimal 75 percent level to successfully complete the course. The grade will be determined using the Delaware Tech grading system:

92	-	100	=	A
83	-	91	=	B
75	-	82	=	C
0	-	74	=	F

Students should refer to the [Student Handbook - https://www.dtcc.edu/handbook](https://www.dtcc.edu/handbook) for information on the Academic Standing Policy, the Academic Integrity Policy, Student Rights and Responsibilities, and other policies relevant to their academic progress.

Final Course Grade:

Calculated using the following weighted average

Evaluation Measure	Percentage of final grade
Discussion Boards (8-10) (formative) (equally weighted)	40%
Cover letter and resume (summative) (equally weighted)	20%
E-portfolio (summative)	40%
TOTAL	100%

Core Curriculum Competencies (CCCs are the competencies every graduate will develop):

1. Apply clear and effective communication skills.
2. Use critical thinking to solve problems.
3. Collaborate to achieve a common goal.
4. Demonstrate professional and ethical conduct.
5. Use information literacy for effective vocational and/or academic research.
6. Apply quantitative reasoning and/or scientific inquiry to solve practical problems.

Program Graduate Competencies (PGCs are the competencies every graduate will develop specific to his or her major):**AGSAASBMT**

1. Distinguish among business career areas in agribusiness.
2. Examine current agricultural issues.
3. Prepare a business plan for an agricultural enterprise.
4. Apply management theories to agricultural business operations through practical experience.
5. Apply basic recordkeeping and accounting procedures to agribusiness operations.

Disabilities Support Statement:

The College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. Students are encouraged to schedule an appointment with the campus Disabilities Support Counselor to request an accommodation needed due to a disability. A listing of campus Disabilities Support Counselors and contact information can be found at the [disabilities services - https://www.dtcc.edu/disabilitysupport](https://www.dtcc.edu/disabilitysupport) web page or visit the campus Advising Center.