BUS 105 – INTRODUCTION TO AGRIBUSINESS

SYLLABUS

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COURSE DELIVERY:

Print-Based Correspondence Course

CREDIT HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

None

COURSE TIME LIMITS:

The minimum course completion time for a three credit hour print correspondence course is six
weeks from the date of enrollment.

All correspondence courses have a maximum course completion deadline of one year from the
date of registration.

COURSE MATERIALS:

Textbooks can be purchased from the Adams State University Bookstore. To order textbooks or
obtain information about book titles, you may go to exstudies.adams.edu and click on the
"Bookstore" link. Select "DISTLEARN" from the department menu.
(http://adams.edu/students/sub/bookstore/)

Use Section Number: 1589 to order books from Bookstore site. This should provide the correct
textbook information and ordering options.

If you have questions, you can contact the Bookstore at 719-587-7981, email at
asubookstore@adams.edu or by mail to Adams State University Bookstore, 208 Edgemont
Blvd., Suite 3140, Alamosa, CO 81101.
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Required Textbook:


**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

An introductory course designed to provide students with a basic background in agribusiness issues and practices to give them the foundation to be successful in upper level agribusiness courses and meet expectations for basic knowledge in agribusiness relationships. This course will introduce students to potential careers within the fields of agriculture and agricultural businesses.

The agriculture industry represents the largest segment of career options available today. As well, currently a shortage exists for post-secondary trained agricultural workers. This course is designed to provide students with introductory information in agribusiness practices and management issues. Career options in the agriculture and agribusiness industries are explored. This course is intended to help prepare students for upper level agribusiness curriculum and career consideration.

**Curricular Relationships:**

This is a stand-alone course for non-business majors and an introductory course for those pursuing an agribusiness emphasis or minor.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify general responsibilities and demands associated with varied agricultural careers.
2. Identify general factors associated with success in the agribusiness industry.
3. Demonstrate a basic understanding of agricultural production and some of the risks and rewards associated with such a career choice.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

This course will consist of six exams and two short analysis papers. The Study Guide walks you through each chapter assignment in preparation for the papers and exams.

This course is divided into 6 units each consisting of 3 to 4 chapters in the text. Once you have completed the work in each unit and have requested your exam, you will take the unit exam.
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Unit Exams
Exams will consist of true/false, multiple choice, and short answer questions. Each exam will be proctored and is 90 minutes in duration. No books or notes of any kind will be allowed during the exams. Calculators are authorized for the exams. More details as to the specific content and timing of exams are provided in the Study Guide.

Short Analysis Papers
You will also have to write two short analysis papers during the course. See the Study Guide for the specific directions for each paper.

All written work is subject to plagiarism detection software review. Identified instances of cheating or plagiarism will follow the Academic Integrity statement in the Syllabus.

Syllabus Assignment
It is your responsibility to read and understand the Syllabus for this course. In Unit 1 there is a required Syllabus Agreement. This is non-graded but required for completion of the course.

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Computer/Internet Requirements
Computer and internet are not required for this course. However, students may communicate and send assignments via email to the instructor, if possible.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION AND SCALE:
In alignment with ASU academic policies, no D may apply to a major or minor field.

Grade Distribution:

| Syllabus Assignment          | 0 points |
| Proctored Unit Exams (6@100 points each) | 600 points |
| Short Analysis Papers (2@100 points each) | 200 points |
| Total Points                 | 800 points |

Grade Scale:

| 720-800 points | 90-100% | A  |
| 640-719 points | 80-89%  | B  |
| 560-639 points | 70-79%  | C  |
| 480-559 points | 60-69%  | D  |
| Less than 480 points | 59% and below | F  |
ADA STATEMENT:

Adams State University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Adams State University is committed to achieving equal educational opportunities, providing students with documented disabilities access to university programs. In order for a course to be equally accessible to all students, different accommodations or adjustments may need to be implemented. The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is located in Richardson Hall, Suite 3-100, by mail at 208 Edgemont Blvd., Suite 3-100, Alamosa, CO 81101, by email at odsd@adams.edu, or by calling 719-587-7746. They are your primary resource on campus to discuss the qualifying disability, help you develop an accessibility plan, and achieve success in your courses. Please communicate with them as early as possible; this can be in person, via email, or by phone. The Disability Services Coordinator shall either provide you letters to give to your professors for accommodations or email these letters out to you and your professors.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

In accordance with Academic Policy 100-03-01, Adams State University, to preserve academic integrity, does not tolerate academic dishonesty (misconduct). Every student is required to practice and adhere to the principle of ACADEMIC INTEGRITY while undertaking studies at Adams State University. Students and faculty at Adams State University value academic honesty as a virtue essential to the academic process. Cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized possession or disposition of academic materials, or the falsification or fabrication of one’s academic work will not be tolerated.

Any offense may result in a zero for the exam, lesson, or exercise in question and may result in failure of the course. Please refer to the ASU Extended Studies Academic Integrity website for more information including the student handbook: Academic Integrity at Adams State University.

All written work is subject to plagiarism detection software review.

EXAMINATIONS:

Please refer to the Guidelines for Proctored Exams and submit your Exam Request Form three weeks BEFORE you plan to take the exam.