BUS 488 – AG POLICY AND FARM BILL

SYLLABUS

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COURSE DELIVERY:

Print-Based Correspondence Course

CREDIT HOURS:

Three Semester Hours

PREREQUISITES:

BUS 105 – Introduction to Agribusiness, BUS 364 – Agribusiness Management, BUS 478 – Agricultural Marketing.

COURSE TIME LIMITS:

The minimum course completion times 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: 1372 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:**

The objective of this course is to provide the student with knowledge and comprehension of public policy in agriculture. Students will consider issues in public policy, how those issues relate to agricultural production and management, and related concerns of existing as an industry in a global marketplace.

**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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

1. Demonstrate knowledge of gross domestic product, fiscal policy, and monetary policy as it relates to agriculture.
2. Describe how government expenditures and tax policy affects agricultural producers.
3. Describe the role of prices and interest rates.
4. Describe the role of money supply and credit conditions, as well as discuss the relative effects on agriculture.
5. Demonstrate comprehension of environmental policy and resulting management issues.
6. Describe the role of government in agriculture, the reasons for and determination of consequences of agriculture price and income policy.
7. Describe the purpose and use of agricultural programs to reduce production.
8. Demonstrate knowledge of how the major components of the economic system fit together and what the resulting issues are for the future with regard to agriculture.
9. Demonstrate an awareness of food safety issues and how this affects policy.
10. Demonstrate an understanding of how government policy and political climate affects agriculture on the agriculture on a local, national, and global level.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

This course will consist of three exams and one term paper. The Study Guide walks you through each chapter assignment in preparation for the exams. Exams will consist of short answer and discussion 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 not needed for the exams. More details as to the specific content and timing of exams are provided in the Study Guide.

This course is divided into two units each covering six chapters in the text. Once you have completed the work in each unit and have requested your exam, you will take the unit exam. After you have completed Exam 2 you may submit the exam request for the Final Exam. The Final Exam will cover both units and will be proctored with a 90 minute duration.

You will also have to write one term paper during the course.
Syllabus Agreement

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, but may be helpful for research information. However, students may communicate and send assignments via email with the instructor, if possible.

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

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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.
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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.

STUDENT IDENTITY VERIFICATION:

Adams State University utilizes a variety of methods to verify the identity of students enrolled in courses, including but not limited to: secure logins and pass codes, proctored exams, security questions, and other technologies and practices that are effective in verifying student identity. Some of these methods may incur an extra cost to students; associated costs will be outlined in the course syllabus, other University documents, and on the University website. Adams State University reserves the right to request additional government-issued documentation of identity from students for the purpose of ensuring that the person enrolled in the course is the person completing assignments, exams, and all other course requirements. Any student engaged in incidents of student identity fraud may face reprimand, disciplinary warning, a lowered or failing grade(s), and/or probation, or suspension from the course, academic program or University, or expulsion from the University.

EXAMINATIONS:

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