

AREC 408 SYLLABUS

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I am looking forward to working with you AREC 408 this semester. I want this course to be successful for all participants, so I ask that if you are struggling or need help in any way you ask early. There are assignments most weeks in this course that you will need to stay on top of. I will commit to answering your emails within 36 hours (With the exception of emails sent late on Friday may not get a response until Monday morning). To be successful in this course please review and follow along with the course schedule.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of how to use financial statements, ratios and capital investment and evaluation methods to make decisions and enhance the financial performance of a firm. Also, to better understand current trends and forces shaping the agricultural sector, with a particular emphasis on farmland markets and the agricultural credit sector.

REQUIRED PREREQUISITES

AREC 305/EA 305 Enterprise Analysis

TEXTS AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

None Required but the following text is optional, and can be a helpful supplement to lectures:

Barry, P., and P. Ellinger. Financial Management in Agriculture. Seventh Edition. Pearson Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ: 2012. ISBN -13: 9780135037592 or ISBN-10: 013503759X

Additional reading materials will be provided electronically on the course website.

GRADING

Your grade in this course is made up of homework assignments, in-class group work assignments as well as two exams. The total points available in this course are 1,000. Please be sure to both keep a copy of all work created for the course as well as saving your passed back and graded assignments.

Note that all due dates are tentative and subject to change

Homework Assignments – worth a total of 600 points:

Assignment	Assignment Due Date	Point Possible
#1 US Agricultural Finance	Sept 1 st	50
#2 Calamity Farms	Sept 8 th	50
#3 Profitability Model	Sept 15 th	50
#4 Ratio Analysis	Sept 22 nd	50
#5 Credit Evaluation	Sept 29 th	50
#6 Capital Structure	Oct 6 th	50
#7 Enterprise Risk	Oct 13 th	50
#8 Portfolio Project	Oct 27 th	50
#9 Time Value of Money	Nov 3 rd	50
#10 Mortgage	Nov 10 th	50
#11 Del Norte Case	Nov 29 th	50
#12 Land Valuation Problem	Dec 8 th	50

** All due dates are subject to change

In-Class Group Assignments – worth a total of 100 points (drop your lowest score):

Class dates may change depending on the speed at the course is moving

Assignment	Approx. Assignment Class Date	Points Possible
3 C's	Sept 1 st	25
Build a Frequency Exercise	Oct 4 th	25
Hay Game	Oct 11 th and Oct 13 th	25
Cost of Financing	Nov 3 rd	25
Capital Budgeting Techniques	Nov 10 th	25

Exams:

Exam	Class Date	Points Possible
Exam 1	Oct 18 th	150
Final Exam	Dec 13 th (Finals Week)	150

GRADE DESCRIPTION

GRADES IN THIS COURSE WILL FOLLOW THE TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE SCALE

90-100 % = A
80-89 % = B
70-79 % = C
60-69 % = D
Less than 60% = F

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY

This course will adhere to the CSU Academic Integrity [Policies and Guiding Principles](#) as found in the General Catalog and the [Student Conduct Code](#). At a minimum, violations will result in a grading penalty in this course and a report to the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services.

CSU HONOR PLEDGE

Academic integrity lies at the core of our common goal: to create an intellectually honest and rigorous community. Because academic integrity, and the personal and social integrity of which academic integrity is an integral part, is so central to our mission as students, teachers, scholars, and citizens, I will ask that you affirm the CSU Honor Pledge as part of completing your work in this course. *While you will not be required to affirm the honor pledge*, you will be asked to affirm the following statement at the start of your exams:

"I have not given, received, or used any unauthorized assistance."

Further information about Academic Integrity is available at CSU's [Practicing Academic Integrity](#).

SYSTEM, MULTIMEDIA, AND SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Having trouble with the multimedia in this course? See the solutions below. Also, it is highly recommended that you access your course via a **high-speed Internet connection**.

- Problems with opening PDFs?
 - Download [Adobe Reader](#).
- YouTube videos not playing?
 - Download [Flash Player](#).
- Videos not opening or playing on your Mac?
 - Download [Windows Media Components for QuickTime](#).
- Can't open content created with Microsoft Office Products? Download the following viewers:
 - [Word Viewer](#)
 - [PowerPoint Viewer](#)
 - [Excel Viewer](#)
 - [Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint File Formats](#)
- Still having issues:
 - Call the **CSU Help Desk at 970-491-7276** or [Email Help Desk Support](#)

You may need access to Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and/or Excel to complete assignments. If you do not have access to the Microsoft Office applications, you may use one of the following free resources that allow you to save your files with Microsoft Office file extensions (.doc, .docs, .ppt, .xls.):

- [Google Apps for CSU](#)—a free, outsourced communications suite endorsed by The University Technology Fee Advisory Board (UTFAB)
- [Open Office](#)—an open source productivity suite

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Need technical assistance with Canvas? Try the following:

- Visit the [Help Desk](#) web page to troubleshoot common browser and Java issues.
- Call 970-491-7276.
- Email [Help Desk Support](#).