

**CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS
AGEC 1010 – Agriculture Economic I**

Semester/Year: 2015

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab Hours: 0

Credit Hours: 3

Class Time: 8:00-8:50am

Days: MWF

Room: WA110

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Course Description: An introduction to economics as a field of study and how it is useful to people in their daily lives, with special emphasis on agriculture's role in the general economy.

Statement of Prerequisites: None

Goal: The student will gain an understanding of the agriculture economic system, and develop the ability to analyze macroeconomic issues. The study of economics aims to provide students with an enhanced knowledge of the world's macroeconomy. This knowledge is useful in a variety of business related disciplines. After the successful completion of this course, the student will understand that economics is about decision making. They will understand how decisions are made under varied conditions and situations and how the evaluation or implications of alternative decisions affect a given situation.

Outcomes: The students will be expected to solve problems using critical thinking and creativity when evaluating economic problems. They will also use quantitative analytical skills to evaluate the financial condition of the country and the implications of macroeconomic policies.

Methodology:

This course is designed to be a lecture course. Class discussion will be very essential to fully understand the economic concepts discussed in class.

Evaluation Criteria: Your grade in the course will be assigned based on the percentage of the total points you earn.

Attendance	= 150 points			
Quizzes	= 800 points			
Participation in Class	= 50 points			
TOTAL POINTS	= 1000			
90% = A	80% = B	70% = C	60% = D	<60% = F

Casper College may collect samples of student work demonstrating achievement of the above outcomes. Any personally identifying information will be removed from student work.

Required Text, Readings, and Materials: Agriculture Economics": H. Evan Drummond, John W. Goodwin: Located in the Book Store. All reading assignments are required. It is advised that the student read the material assigned before it is covered in class. This will enable the student to grasp the material more quickly and accurately.

Examination Policy:

It is your responsibility to check your personal schedule with exam dates and to notify the instructor in advance of the scheduled time if there is a conflict. See the Casper College Student Handbook for information on how to handle absences due to illness or death in family.

Exams will be reviewed in class, and made available to the students for review.

Classroom:

The most successful students are always those with the best attendance record! The following are examples of expected behaviors in this, and any college classroom:

- Attend all class meetings, and be on time.
- Listen to questions/statements made by your fellow classmates; these may enhance your understanding of the material.
- Expect to receive pertinent course materials/handouts during the designated course times. If you are unable to obtain these materials at these times, it becomes your responsibility to obtain them from a fellow classmate, or from the instructor, during office hours. Don't expect late, partially completed or illegible work to be graded.
- Always exercise your right to ask questions. Be active in your learning.

Comments:

Please do not hesitate to address with me any problems or concerns that might arise during the semester. If you cannot speak with me during the designated office hours, you can certainly make an appointment for another time.

Class Policies: Last Date to Change to Audit Status or to Withdraw with a W Grade: In this course, if you are considering a change to Audit status, or dropping the course, you should first speak with the instructor to evaluate your options. Class attendance is required and roll will be taken each class period. There will be a strong correlation between class attendance and final course grades. Each student is responsible for the material presented during lectures. It is his or her responsibility to acquire lecture notes, handouts for missed classes. Excused absences must be cleared by the instructor so arrangements may be made.

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

Chain of Command: If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, the Dean, and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Academic Dishonesty: (Cheating & Plagiarism) Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct for more information on this topic.

Official Means of Communication: Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student's assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly. This is also, where you will find course evaluation links during course evaluation periods.

ADA Accommodations Policy: If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college's Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.