

Eastern Oregon University Course Syllabus

Number of Course:

AE 202

Name of Course:

Exploring Global Agriculture

Catalog Description:

The ability to feed, clothe, and fuel a rapidly growing and changing world requires agriculture to function in a global realm. Current and future agricultural policies and management systems will require a global perspective to meet growing consumer demands. This course will introduce students to global perspectives of agriculture through content targeted to specific global regions and through remote interactions with students and instructors from specified countries of interest.

Credit Hours:

4 credits

Instructor:**Time and place of the course:**

TBD

Required Texts or Suggested Materials:

Link to the EOU Bookstore: [Eastern Oregon University Bookstore \(opens in new tab\)](#)

Prerequisites:

Sophomore standing or Instructor approval

Learning Outcomes:**Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:**

1. Describe how global perspectives of agriculture influence the production and distribution of agricultural goods and services, along with national food security and global power. [PLO 2, 3, 4]
2. Describe how domestic U.S. policies, practices and viewpoints impact global policies, practices and viewpoints. [PLO 2, 3, 4]
3. Recognize unique viewpoints and discuss differences of opinion and interpretation of various global agricultural policies and practices with peer international students. [PLO 2, 4]

Course Requirements:

- Formal and informal attendance with international peers
- Project-based activities (based on international collaboration)
- Formal and informal project reports and presentations

Grading Policies:

Overall grades will be based on attendance and group projects and presentations. Grades for group projects and presentations will be based on: 1) overall evaluation of completed product (50%), 2) the individuals' contribution to the final product (25%), and 3) peer evaluation of the individual's contribution to the final product (25%). Specific grading rubrics for all three components will be posted at commencement of each project/presentation.

The following rubric will apply for graded assignments/projects/presentations:

Letter Grade	Percentage
A	93.5% or greater
A-	89.5 – 93.4%
B+	86.5 – 89.4%
B	83.5 – 86.4%
B-	79.5 – 83.4%
C+	76.5 – 79.4%
C	73.5 – 76.4%
C-	69.5 – 73.4%
D+	66.5 – 69.4%
D	59.5 – 66.4%
F	<59.5%

Means of Assessment:

- Attendance (both lecture and project group) [CLOs 1, 2, 3]
- Formal and informal project reports [CLOs 1, 2, 3]
- Project(s) presentation(s) [CLOs 1, 2, 3]

Brief Outline of Course:

This course will be taught in conjunction with Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) exchange universities. Depending on COIL group and program calendar, annual course timelines will be adjusted/modified to accommodate all institutions involved. Topics of interest will also adjust based on disciplines or COIL-partner areas of interest.

Week(s)	Topic(s)
1 & 2	Building a foundation for collaboration Background on countries of interest (i.e. economic drivers; overview of cultures, geography, infrastructure, etc.)

Week(s)	Topic(s)
3 & 4	'Agriculture' as the common denominator! Describing and defining "agriculture" and agriculture systems in context of food security, national economics & global power and influence.
5 - 8	International policies, practices and viewpoints that enhance and/or inhibit global trade.
9 & 10	Finding Common Ground! Identifying, describing, and dissecting the barriers that impact global trade of agricultural products, goods & services.

General Education Category and Outcomes:

None

Classroom Decorum:

EOU's Classroom Decorum policy can be found on [EOU Policy Website \(opens in new tab\)](#) under Chapter 10 Section 02.10.15

Academic Misconduct Policy:

Eastern Oregon University places a high value upon the integrity of its student scholars. Any student found responsible for an act of academic misconduct (including but not limited to cheating, unauthorized collaboration, fabrication, facilitation, plagiarism or tampering) may be subject to having his or her grade reduced in the course in question, being placed on probation or suspended from the University, or a combination of these.

Accommodations/Students with Disabilities Policy:

Any student who feels they may need accommodation for any type of disability must contact the Disability Services Office in Loso Hall, Room 233. Phone: 541-962-3081.

Disclaimer:

This standard syllabus provides only general information on the course. For those enrolled in the course a detailed syllabus will be provided by the Instructor at the beginning of the term. Please keep in mind that not all courses are offered every year.

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