YDAE 240

Seminar in Agricultural Education

Fall, 2006

Course Description

Particular emphasis will be placed on practices relative to effective functioning as advisors to youth organizations with special emphasis on advising FFA Chapters. Fundamentals of small group work and individual responsibilities in working with youth organizations will be stressed.

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Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the students will have:

1. gained knowledge of the importance of professional networks and the techniques to develop them.

2. gained knowledge about the history, philosophy and aims of vocational and (more specifically) agricultural education.

3. been provided practical small group participation experience through committee activities.

4. been provided the opportunity to grow in knowledge, skills, and abilities as they relate to serving as an advisor to a student organization.

5. learned to apply the fundamentals of evaluation to their own personal achievements as well as those achievements of the group.

6. planned a program of activities for a student organization.

7. organized an effective meeting structure for a student organization.

8. recognized what it takes to become an effective advisor to a youth organization.

9. developed an appreciation for and a positive attitude toward youth organizations.
10. distinguished the difference between leaders and followers and the impact they both play in the success to a youth organization.

11. gained knowledge about career and technical education, agricultural education, committee structure and function and other applicable information through selected readings.

12. grown in self-awareness and in understanding their own style of working with and relating to others and to begin to make appropriate modifications.


**Course Outline**

The course will meet for fifty minutes each week in a seminar-discussion-laboratory format. During an early class session, students will divide into committees for their laboratory experience. These committees comprise the program of work committees for the collegiate student organization (IAAE - Purdue). Students within each committee will have the responsibility of carrying out selected activities of the large group, as well as other experiential activities via professional meetings and participating in large group activities with the entire organization.

**Committees:**

1. Campus and Community Relations  
2. Awards/Membership/Finance  
3. Program & Career Development Events  
4. Publicity  
5. Executive Committee  
6. Newsletter

**Course Opportunities:**

70 **Class attendance** will be credited at 5 points per class meeting.

105 **Educational Seminars** will be given during seven class meetings. The Agricultural Education Faculty and Staff will plan these seminars. A one-page report will be submitted to the instructor via e-mail. **All reports must be submitted within one week of the activity.**  
**Late reports will be scored at 50% credit.**  
(E-mail address: ydae240@purdue.edu) Keep a hard copy of all emails with date stamp in order to allow verification. Seminar reports are a maximum of 15 points each.
Reports will consist of answering these questions:

a. Identify the speaker including their educational and experience background.

b. Summarize (one double-spaced, type written page) the main points made by the speaker including two or three main concepts you may be able to use in your future occupation.

60 Participate in organizational activities.

Up to five activities (from the list in this syllabus) will be accepted in this grade category. Participation will be monitored by signatures on participation rosters provided at each activity. Each activity will count 15 points.

25 Completion of committee notebooks including committee meeting minutes and member attendance.

Committees must maintain their notebooks and the responsibility for taking minutes of committee meetings should be shared. Each committee will give an oral report at the monthly organizational meetings.

All committees will present a written report to the vice presidents at the monthly organizational meetings.

All committee chairpersons are expected to attend Executive Committee meetings and report on their committee's activities.

Newsletter Committee must complete two newsletters during the semester.

25 Resume Activity

Each student will be requested to submit a current resume. This resume will be placed in your academic file and used in preparing verbal and written recommendations. Resumes are due November 8 and resumes submitted after that date will be given partial credit. (Ten bonus points will be given for resumes submitted on or before October 4)

285 TOTAL

Grading Scale:

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YDAE 240 Course Syllabus

August 22  Orientation and Class Mixer
August 29  Committee Meetings and IAAE-Purdue Meeting
September 5  Seminar. Mr. Don Haberlin, Agricultural Science and Business Teacher Western Boone High School
September 12  Committee Meetings and IAAE-Purdue Meetings
September 19  Seminar-Mr. Ralph Walker, Superintendent Delphi Community Schools
September 26  Committee Meetings and IAAE-Purdue Meetings
October 3  Seminar- Southern Wells FFA Chapter Meeting Team
October 10  October Break
October 17  Seminar- Lebanon School Corporation
October 24  National FFA Convention-no class
October 31  Seminar-Lebanon School Corporation
November 7  Committee Meetings and IAAE-Purdue Meetings (Resume Due)
November 14  Agriculture Education Recruitment Day
November 21  Seminar- Lebanon School Corporation
November 28  Committee Meetings and IAAE-Purdue Meetings
December 5  Seminar- Making Friends with your Guidance Department
December 12  Final Opportunity
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