

AG & Biosystems Engineering (ABEN)
ABEN 496: Ag. Tech. Expo.

Class Information:

Credit – 1
Spring 2020
Class Room: ABEN 123
Time: Meetings vary, Expo. Feb. 15

Instructors:

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Course Description:

Create a display of current or emerging Agricultural Technology and show it at the Ag. Tech. Expo. You will be required to attend planning meetings, meet deadlines, and be present from the entire day of the show.

TEXT: None

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop an introductory understanding of showing and explaining new technologies.
2. To develop and practice good communication skills.
3. To develop and practice basic responsibility for task management and completion.
4. To provide an introduction of higher level thinking by preparing show displays for public viewing and interaction.

REQUIRED RESOURCES: Access to a computer, a good attitude, and a poster.

COURSE FEE: You will need to purchase a banquet ticket, normally around \$20.00

BLACKBOARD: Blackboard will be used for announcements, and grade presentation

GRADING

<u>Items</u>		Total Points
Meetings	(Five meetings, 10 pts each)	50
Making deadlines	(2 deadlines, 5 pts each)	10
Attending the show & Banquet	(1 show/1 banquet, 20 pts each)	40
		Total pts: 100

The cut off for letter grades: 100-90% = **A**; 89-80% = **B**; 79-70% = **C**; 69-60% = **D**; 59% = **F**

MISSING MEETINGS

The meeting dates are set at the beginning of the semester. All other extracurricular activities should not be scheduled on these dates. If for some **emergency reasons**, someone misses a meeting, the instructor or show managers **must** be notified **BEFORE** the meeting. Notification by e-mail or other written formats are acceptable. Missing a meeting without notifying the instructor or show managers **BEFORE** the date will result in a **"0"** for that meeting - **no exceptions!**

MISSING DEADLINES

Deadlines **cannot** be made up. For legitimate emergency, contact the instructor or show managers before the deadline and possible allowance MIGHT be made. If you miss a deadline, your score for the deadline is **"0"**.

MISSING THE EXPO.

You are expected to attend the Expo.—period!

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

Academic Honesty: All students taking any course in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources are under the Honor System (<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/academics/honor-system-1>). The Honor System is a system that is governed by the students and operates on the premise that most students are honest and work best when their honesty, and the honesty of others, is not in question. It functions to prevent cheating as well as penalize those who are dishonest. It is the responsibility of the students to report any violations of the honor pledge to the instructor, honor commission or the Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources.

The academic community is operated on the basis of honesty, integrity, and fair play. [NDSU Policy 335: Code of Academic Responsibility and Conduct](#) applies to cases in which cheating, plagiarism, or other academic misconduct have occurred in an instructional context. Students found guilty of academic misconduct are subject to penalties, up to and possibly including suspension and/or expulsion. Student academic misconduct records are maintained by the [Office of Registration and Records](#). Informational resources about academic honesty for students and instructional staff members can be found at www.ndsu.edu/academichonesty.

Students with special requirements: Any students with disabilities or other special needs, who need special accommodations in this course are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor as soon as possible. The instructor may ask for verification and that, plus other assistance, can be requested from Disability Services in Wallman Wellness Center 170 (231-8463). <http://www.ndsu.edu/disabilityservices/>.

Veterans and military personnel: Veterans or military personnel with special circumstances or who are activated are encouraged to notify the instructor as early as possible.

Important Dates

Spring 2020

Variable Length Session Drop/Add Deadlines

Date	Day	Description
Jan 1	Wed	HOLIDAY — New Year's Day Observed (<i>offices closed</i>)
Jan 13	Mon	Classes begin at 4:00 p.m.
Jan 14	Tue	First full day of classes
Jan 20	Mon	HOLIDAY — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>no classes, offices closed</i>)
Jan 22	Wed	Last day for Campus Connection Wait Lists to run
Jan 23	Thu	Last day to Add classes via Campus Connection* Permit needed after this date.
Jan 23	Thu	Last day for no-record Drop of classes @ 100% refund* (<i>full semester classes only</i>)
Jan 23	Thu	Last day to Withdraw to Zero Credits @ 100% refund* (<i>full semester classes only</i>)
Jan 23	Thu	Attempted credits calculated for financial aid SAP (11:59 p.m.)**
Jan 23	Thu	Eligible Pell/TEACH/ND Grants/Scholarships based on enrollment at 11:59 p.m.
Jan 28	Tue	Financial aid applied to NDSU account balances
Jan 29	Wed	Payments due for NDSU account balances*

Feb 3	Mon	Last day to submit requests to Audit, Pass/Fail
Feb 7	Fri	Undergraduate/Professional Spring and Summer Degree Applications due
Feb 7	Fri	Graduate student Spring Graduate Degree Applications due
Feb 10	Mon	Last day to Add full semester classes. Permit & Appeal needed after this date.
Feb 17	Mon	HOLIDAY — Presidents' Day (<i>no classes, offices closed</i>)
Feb 24	Mon	Last day to Withdraw to Zero Credits @ 75% refund* (<i>full semester classes only</i>)
Mar First Week		Summer/Fall schedule available
Mar 6	Fri	Grades of 'Incomplete' convert to 'F'
Mar 9	Mon	2nd half (8-week session) of Spring semester begins
Mar 15	Sun	Late fee applied to unpaid account balances (11:59 p.m.)
Mar 16-20	Mon-Fri	Spring Break Week (<i>no classes, offices open</i>)
Mar 26	Thu	Last day to Withdraw to Zero Credits @ 50% refund* (<i>full semester classes only</i>) <i>No refunds issued for withdraw to zero credits after this date.</i>
Mar 30-Apr 19	Mon	Summer/Fall registration begins online based on total credits completed

Apr 9	Thu	Last day to Drop classes with 'W' record*
Apr 9	Thu	Last day to Withdraw to Zero Credits for Spring
Apr 10-13	Fri-Mon	HOLIDAY -- Spring Recess (<i>no classes, offices closed Friday, offices open Monday</i>)
Apr 15	Wed	Late fees applied to unpaid account balances (11:59 p.m.)
Apr 17	Fri	Graduate student Initial Disquisition submission for May graduation
Apr 20	Mon	Open registration for summer/fall
Apr 24	Fri	Spring Commencement Participation deadline
May 4-8	Mon-Fri	Dead Week
May 5	Tue	Grade entry begins
May 8	Fri	Last day of Spring classes
May 11-15	Mon-Fri	Final Examinations
May 15	Fri	Graduate student Final Disquisition copy due for May graduation
May 15	Fri	Late fees applied to unpaid account balances (11:59 p.m.)
May 16	Sat	Commencement ceremonies (10:00 & 2:00 in Fargodome)
May 19	Tue	Grades due (12:00 p.m.)

GENERAL CLASS SCHEDULE

Period	Date	Topic	Unit
1	Dec. 18	1. Introduction meeting, officer pictures	10 pts
2	Jan. 08	2. meeting	10pts
3	15	3. meeting, form deadline	10 pts
4	22	4. meeting, peer review, poster skit	10 pts
5	29	5. meeting, peer review, work	10 pts
	Feb. 05	Optional Q and A meeting, posters due deadline	5 pts
	12	Optional Q and A meeting	5 pts
6	14	Set up	
7	15	Ag. Tech. Expo. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, banquet 5:30	60 pts

These are tentative dates for meetings and deadlines, the actual dates may vary. **That is why attention is important.** Any change in schedule will be notified ahead of time as much as possible.