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## **AREC 110: Opportunities in Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics Fall 2020, 1 credit hour**

Wednesday: 3:30PM-4:20PM,

Synchronously online using the following Zoom link (also posted on Canvas):

<https://tennessee.zoom.us/j/95980618846>

### **Instructor's Contact Information:**

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Anna Will

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**Office Hours:** Morgan Hall, Room 325-C. I likely will not be in my office this semester so please schedule a Zoom appointment by email or visit my virtual drop-in hours where you can find info about here: <https://padlet.com/awill12/wj16wa64xkivvsit>

### **Course Description:**

Overview of the curricular requirements for departmental majors, current issues in associated fields of study, and career opportunities.

### **Student Learning Outcomes/Objectives:**

- To introduce students to the majors in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AREC) and ensure that they understand curriculum requirements, academic policies, advising procedures, etc., and are informed of activities and opportunities.
- To expose students to the range of career opportunities related to departmental majors and what is needed to effectively pursue them.
- To introduce students to subject matter areas and current issues related to departmental majors.

### **Course Communications:**

Canvas and Zoom will be used to teach this class. All class materials will be posted on Canvas. Zoom will be used to hold class synchronously, which means class is live and takes place during the appointed class time.

**Course Requirements, Assessments, and Evaluations:**

**Attendance and Participation (100 points; 33% of total grade)**

Attendance will be taken 9 times throughout the semester and will be worth 10 points each time it is taken for a total of 90 points. Please have your camera on during class and keep yourself muted unless you are speaking.

**Assignments (50% total grade)**

HW#1: Handshake Discussion	Maximum of 30 points.
HW#2: Resume	Maximum of 30 points.
HW#3: Watch Internship presentations (disc.)	Maximum of 15 points.
HW#4: Career Fair	Maximum of 30 points.
HW#5: Campus Resources & Press Release	Maximum of 30 points.
HW#6: Oral presentations questions	Maximum of 15 points.

**Oral Presentations - (17% of total grade)**

Oral presentation	Maximum of 50 points.
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**Grading Scale:** The following scale will be used to assign final course grades:

<u>Percentage (%)</u>	
A =94-100	C =74-76
A- =90-93	C- =70-73
B+ =87-89	D+ =67-69
B =84-86	D =64-66
B- =80-83	D- =60-63
C+ =77-79	F =<60

**Final Exam Date: Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30am-12:45pm**

**Tentative Course Outline (subject to change)**

Date	Topic	Assignments
Wed., Aug. 19	Introduction to AREC	
Wed., Aug. 26	Sharon Couch: Student Life and Clubs. AREC Info	
Wed., Sept. 2	Dr. Adam Wilcox & Student International Ambassadors: Study Abroad Opportunities; Rion Steele	
Wed., Sept. 9	Jon Walton: Agribusiness Club and NAMA	HW#1 Assigned
Wed., Sept. 16	Alexis Andershock (Senter): Career Planning & Resources, Handshake, and LinkedIn	<b>HW#1 Due</b> HW#2 Assigned
Wed., Sept. 23	Internship Presentations: Jessica Shrader – TN Dept. of Environment & Conservation	<b>HW#2 Due</b>

Wed., Sept. 30	Internship Presentations: Weston Box – UT Gardens; Sarah Galyon – TN Dept. of Environment & Conservation; Emily Kersey – Beardsley Farm (HW#3 Due)	HW #4 Assigned
Wed., Oct. 7	Internship Presentations: Taylor Thompson – UT Extension; Joseph Chester – WinField United; Jacob Eicher – Farm Credit Mid-America (HW#3 Due)	Upload your resume to Handshake! <b>HW#4 Due</b>
Wed., Oct. 14	Internship Presentations: Lauren Pate – Granite Construction; Brandon Conley-River Valley Ag Credit (HW#3 Due)	Oral Presentations Assigned
Wed., Oct. 21	Kendall Martin- TN Farm Bureau (HW#3 Due)	Email Anna your articles!!
Wed., Oct. 28	AREC accomplishments & current events	HW#5 Assigned
Wed., Nov. 4	Internship Presentations: Mason Dillon – GEO Services LLC, Mason McNabb-Steve Harrison Dairy Overview of ag econ current events (HW#3 Due)	<b>HW#5 Due</b>
Wed., Nov. 11	Oral Presentations of Article Reviews	
Wed., Nov. 18	Oral Presentations cont.	
<b>Wed., Nov. 25</b>	<b>No class – Have a nice Thanksgiving Break!</b>	
Wed., Dec. 2	Final Exam Date – Oral Presentations cont.	

**UTK Social Distancing Policy** (taken from <https://provost.utk.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2020/06/Syllabus-language-masks-and-social-distancing.pdf>)

“Students are required to wear face masks at all times and maintain social distancing (6 feet between individuals in traditional classrooms, or, in instructional laboratories and similar settings, only a few minutes in closer proximity when absolutely necessary to achieve learning objectives). Students who are feeling ill or experiencing symptoms such as sneezing, coughing, or a higher than normal temperature will be excused from class and should stay at home. Instructors have the right to ask those who are not complying with these requirements to leave class in the interest of everyone's health and safety. In the event that a student refuses to comply with these requirements, the instructor has the right to cancel class. Additionally, following other simple practices will promote good health in and out of the classroom, such as frequent and thorough hand washing, wiping down desks and seats with disinfectant wipes whenever possible, not sharing personal items such as pens and cell phones, and avoiding crowded hallways and other enclosed spaces.”

**University Withdrawal Policy**

- **August 25** is the last day you may drop full-term courses without a W on your transcript.
- **November 10** is the last day you may drop full-term courses and receive a “W” on your transcript that is not computed in your GPA.

The following additional regulations relate to dropping classes after the No W drop deadline:

- Students are allowed four drops during their academic career (until a bachelor’s degree is earned).
- Students holding a B.S. degree who return to pursue a second B.S. degree are allowed four additional drops.
- Students pursuing more than one major or degree simultaneously are not allowed additional drops.
- The W grade is not computed in the grade point average.

- After the 84th day, no drops are permitted.

Courses may be dropped on the web through MyUTK. Failure to attend a course is not an official withdrawal and will result in the assignment of an NC grade.

### **Total Withdrawal from the University**

If you need to drop all of your courses for the term (e.g. due to unexpected illness, accident, etc.), you may do so by applying for a total withdrawal from the university for the term. The deadline for total withdrawal is April 28 (last day of classes), and may be done through MyUTK. If you apply for a total withdrawal, you must also apply for readmission through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

### **Disability Accommodations**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability or if you have emergency information to share, please contact the Office of Disability Services at 974-6087.

### **University's Honor Statement**

"An essential feature of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is a commitment to maintaining an atmosphere of intellectual integrity and academic honesty. As a student of the university, I pledge that I will neither knowingly give nor receive any inappropriate assistance in academic work, thus affirming my own personal commitment to honor and integrity." Click on [http://catalog.utk.edu/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=156#hono\\_stat](http://catalog.utk.edu/content.php?catoid=1&navoid=156#hono_stat) for more information.

### **Plagiarism**

"Students are also responsible for any acts of plagiarism. Plagiarism is using the intellectual property of someone else without giving proper credit. The undocumented use of someone else's words or ideas in any medium of communication (unless such information is recognized as common knowledge) is a serious offense, subject to disciplinary action that may include failure in a course and/or dismissal from the university. Specific examples of plagiarism are:

- Copying without proper documentation (quotation marks and a citation) written or spoken words, phrases, or sentences from any source;
- Summarizing without proper documentation (usually a citation) ideas from another source (unless such information is recognized as common knowledge);
- Borrowing facts, statistics, graphs, pictorial representations, or phrases without acknowledging the source (unless such information is recognized as common knowledge);
- Collaborating on a graded assignment without the instructor's approval;
- Submitting work, either in whole or in part created by a professional service and used without attribution (e.g., paper, speech, bibliography, or photograph)."

For more information on the expectations of academic integrity shared by all members of the academic community at the University of Tennessee, visit [catalog.utk.edu](http://catalog.utk.edu) and click on "Academic Policies and Procedures."