

Sam Houston State University  
College of Sciences  
Department of Agricultural Sciences

**COURSE SYLLABUS: AGRI 4371 Ag Safety and Health**  
**Fall 2017**

**Location of Class Meeting:** Online class – check SHSU email for instructions  
**Class Correspondence:** Students must use their SHSU email; other email addresses are not accepted.  
**Class/Lab Meeting times:** None required, yet to enhance learning, group meetings may be possible  
**Instructor:** Dr. Rick Ford, EdD  
**Contact Information:** Telephone: 361-726-7331

**Course Description and Objectives:** Provide the student with a basic understanding of the hazards, regulations, and options for precautions in an agricultural setting. The purpose of this course is to provide a sphere of knowledge for the student desiring a position related to agricultural safety.

**Required Textbooks:** none required – materials will be provided via web/email

**Topics to be Covered:**

Attitudes and Behavior	Fundamentals of Safety Programs
Safety Terminology	OSHA & NIOSH
Presenting Safety Programs	Welding/ Oxyacetylene Safety
Shop Hazards	Workforce Injuries
Driving Safety	Fire Safety
Tractors/ PTO Hazards	Chemical Storage & Handling

**Assignments:** Students will be provided an assignment(s) weekly. All assignments will be due by 8am the following Monday after assigned. In most cases, the student will be required to submit assignments via email or through the class website. Because ALL assignments are posted on the first day of class, there will be no late work accepted without prior notification of extenuating circumstances.

**Exams:** Regular exams will be required. They will be available beginning at 8am on a Monday and will be open until 5pm the following Friday. Once started, each exam will be open for **One Hour**. The comprehensive final exam will be open for **2 Hours** at your convenience, beginning at 8am on 4 Dec, and will be available until Friday 8 December at 5pm. Again, no make-up exams will be allowed without reviewed extenuating circumstances.

**Tentative Course Assignment Breakdown and Grade Ranges:**

Assignment	Possible Points
Assignments (16 total)	50 each
Exams (4 total)	50 each
Final	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>1100 possible</b>

**Rules of Conduct** (for class meetings and as applicable to the online environment)

Students will refrain from behavior that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

**Academic Dishonesty:** All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic exercises both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on and examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials. Any example of academic dishonesty will result in a grade of “zero” for the assignment in question. Continued or repeated offenses will be reviewed by University officials for further action.

**Americans with Disabilities Act:** It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request help with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities from their instructors, school/department chair, or by contacting the Chair of the Committee for Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students and Director of the Counseling Center, Lee Drain Annex, or by calling (936) 294-1720.

If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Counseling Center and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential.

NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Counseling Center.

#### **ADDITIONAL COURSE ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENT TAKING COURSE FOR GRADUATE CREDIT**

Class members taking this course for graduate credit may achieve credit by identifying sources relevant to topics of discussion in the course, or assisting the instructor in video-taping relevant demonstrations over topics covered. In option one: the student is to research topics and develop a list of potential sources for class review and discussion. Advanced approval is required, as well as a written justification as to relevance of that source as a class resource. Or, in option 2, students may contact the instructor and arrange for video-taping selected demonstrations for future use in class. Please contact the instructor via campus email during the first week of class for approval.