

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AGR 210S CURRENT ISSUES IN AGRICULTURE
3 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

A broad topic course designed to increase students understanding of current issues in agriculture that affect the social, political, economic and cultural realms of society.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
5	1. Evaluate the importance of agriculture and its development to the overall development of society.	3
4	2. Perform an agricultural issue analysis.	1, 5
4	3. Identify the different perceptions people have about agriculture and those involved in agriculture and assess the effects food trends have on agriculture.	5, 9
4	4. Discern differences between scientific and unscientific sources of information to form fact based opinions about issues in agriculture.	3
4	5. Develop rationale to effectively debate issues based on facts.	1, 4
3	6. Compose informative and persuasive essays with regards to controversial topics and participate in a peer review.	1, 11
2	7. Discuss ethics and ethical decision making.	2
5	8. Assess the sustainability of modern agricultural production, processing, consumption, and distribution practices.	9
3	9. Develop an understanding of the relationship between agriculture and the environment.	3, 5, 6, 10
4	10. Compare and contrast sustainable and conventional agricultural methods.	3, 5, 6, 10

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Introduction to Issues in Agriculture
2. Agriculture and Society
3. Finding the Issues
4. The Perception of Agriculture
5. Fact vs Opinion
6. Research and Write About the Issues
7. Debate the Issues
8. Ethics in Agriculture
9. Looking to the Future