

AGEC 3313 - SPRING 2015
Agribusiness Sales Management

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Office Hours:	MW 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., AGRI 220 TR By appointment, AGRI 220	
Prerequisites:	AGEC 1103 or ECON 2023	
Required Text:	Downey, W.S., Downey, W.D., M. Holschuh and M.A. Jackson, L.A. Downey <i>ProSelling: A Professional Approach to Selling in Agriculture and Other Industries</i> Elmore, Tim, <i>Habitudes Book #2, Images that Form Leadership Habits & Attitudes</i>	
Course Philosophy:	This course is designed to introduce the student to professional selling techniques for food, agricultural, and other industrial/institutional products. Considerable time will be spent on developing professional selling techniques with special regard for the unique aspects of food and agricultural products and the characteristics of the consumers purchasing these specialized products. Students will be expected to develop a sales presentation for a food or agricultural product that will be presented for peer and professional evaluation. At the conclusion of the course the student should have an understanding and proficiency of some of the key concepts required for agribusiness firms, including: 1) What is Selling and How People Buy 2) Customer Value and Your Role 3) Effective Selling Skills 4) Code of Ethics 5) Handling Customer Complaints/Conflicts 6) Planning and Preparing for Customer Meeting 7) Selling Products vs. Commodities 8) Brands and Branding 9) Location 10) Negotiation	
Course Evaluation:	1) Attendance 2) Daily Exercises (8 per semester) 3) Spot Talks 4) Drill Exercises 5) Only the Shadow Knows 6) Professional Sales Interview 7) Professional Sales Presentation * Overtime Opportunities	35 points 24 points 15 points 26 points 40 points 20 points 40 points 200 points 20 points

1) Timely and engaged attendance is expected in AGECE 3313 and will be rewarded with 1 point per lecture period. **Only university sponsored activities are excused.**

2) Daily exercises will be assigned eight times during the semester and are due the class following their assignment. They will be graded zero, one, two or three depending upon completeness and quality. **No late assignments will be accepted.**

3) Each drill will feature activities. Active participation in these activities will earn 2 points per drill session.

4) **Spot Talks** are two-minute summaries over articles assigned on Blackboard. A student respondent will be called upon at random to provide summary of the article. Two additional randomly selected students will then be asked to direct questions on the article to the respondent. The summary is 9 points and each question is 3 points. **Randomly selected students who are absent will receive a zero.**

5) **Only the Shadow Knows** will require that the student spend at least one day with the salesperson observing professional skills used and characteristics of customers. Each student is responsible for finding their own salesperson. Retail clerks do not qualify for this project. Details will be given the second week of class. A written report will be required for this activity. Reports will not be accepted after 4:30 p.m. on their due date. *Ten bonus points will be awarded for students who secure their own salesperson (with instructor approval).*

6) **Professional Sales Interview:** According to student interest, teams will be assigned for this group activity, which will include spending time with selected sales representatives and management from regional, national and multi-national firms in NWA. Details of this activity will be discussed on March 30th. A 40-minute formal “news-style” panel interview will be conducted by each team with their sales professional, with an additional 10 minutes available for questions and answers from the class.

7) **Professional Sales Presentations** will require each student to prepare a 12-minute presentation for a food or agribusiness product, presented to a professional salesperson and a DBCAFLS faculty member for evaluation. Details of the project will be distributed in the second week of class and discussed throughout the semester.

8) **Two overtime opportunities** are available for all students; each is worth a possible 10 points. They are as follows: 1) Complete an appropriate cover letter and job application packet under the supervision of the Career Development Center and 2) Develop a complete Linked In profile under the supervision of the Career Development Center.

Course final grades will be assigned as follows:

≥ 90%	A
80-89%	B
70-79	C
60-69%	D
< 60	F

Conditions regarding late work: Late work, if allowed, will be penalized 25% per day and will not be accepted after the beginning of the next class period on which they were due. *Late is defined as any work submitted after the beginning of class the day in which the assignment is due.*

Inclement Weather: If the University is open but the Fayetteville school system is closed, we will not have class. If both the University and the Fayetteville school system are open, class will be held as scheduled. Please use your best judgment before getting on the road. *To receive full credit on homework, homework must be emailed to the instructor by 10:30 A.M. the day it is due.*

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, presents this policy as part of its effort to maintain the integrity of its academic processes. Academic honesty should be a concern of the entire university community, and a commitment to it must involve students, faculty members, and University administrators.

Students must understand what academic integrity is and what the most common violations are. With that understanding they must commit themselves to the highest standards for their own, as well as for their peers', academic behavior.

Public support and encouragement of the faculty is a second critical component necessary to strengthen academic integrity on campus. Faculty members must be continually vigilant in the management of their classes, their assignments, and their tests. To see the entire policy text and provisions, please visit the web site at <http://advancement.uark.edu/catalogofstudies/03-04/html/academicregs.html#02>

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Many types of emergencies can occur on campus; instructions for specific emergencies such as severe weather, active shooter, or fire can be found at emergency.uark.edu.

Severe Weather (Tornado Warning):

- Follow the directions of the instructor or emergency personnel
- Seek shelter in the basement or interior room or hallway on the lowest floor, putting as many walls as possible between you and the outside
- If you are in a multi-story building, and you cannot get to the lowest floor, pick a hallway in the center of the building
- Stay in the center of the room, away from exterior walls, windows, and doors

Violence / Active Shooter (CADD):

- **CALL** 9-1-1
- **AVOID** If possible, self-evacuate to a safe area outside the building. Follow directions of police officers.
- **DENY** Barricade the door with desk, chairs, bookcases or any items. Move to a place inside the room where you are not visible. Turn off the lights and remain quiet. Remain there until told by police it's safe.
- **DEFEND** Use chairs, desks, cell phones or whatever is immediately available to distract and/or defend yourself and others from attack.

COURSE SCHEDULE: AGECE 3313

Week	Date	Topic
1	Jan 12	Introduction/ Ch. 1: Professional Selling
1	14	OSK Briefing
1	16	OSK Briefing
2	19	Open - Holiday
2	21	OSK Briefing
2	23	Drill Exercises – Habitude 1 pp. 3-8
3	26	Ch. 2: Marketing and It's Relationship to Sales
3	28	Ch. 2: Marketing and It's Relationship to Sales
3	30	Drill Exercises - Habitude 3 pp. 19-23
4	Feb 2	OSK Field Opportunity
4	4	OSK Field Opportunity
4		OSK – Habitude 6 pp. 41-46
5	9	Ch.3: Strategy and Planning HABITUDE 6 DUE
5	11	Ch.3: Strategy and Planning
5		Drill Exercises – Habitude 8 pp. 57-61
6	16	Ch. 5: Understanding Customers RESUME DUE
6	18	Selling with a Strategy – Bob Davenport, Dir. Food Service, George's Inc.
6		Drill Exercises – Habitude 2 pp. 11-16 Career Fair 2/19
7	23	Ch. 5: Understanding Customers
7	25	Ch. 6: Sales Process CAREER FAIR HMWK DUE
7		Drill Exercises – Habitude 5 pp. 35-38
8	Mar 2	Ch. 7: Probing – Identifying Beliefs, Goals and Needs
8	4	Ch. 7: Probing – Identifying Beliefs, Goals and Needs - Bob Arthur
8		Drill Exercises – Habitude 4 pp. 27-32
9	9	Ch. 8: Communicating Value
9	11	Ch. 8: Communicating Value
9		Drill Exercises - Habitude 7 pp. 49-54
10	16	Ch. 9: Dealing with Resistance
10	18	Ch. 9: Dealing with Resistance/ OSK Final Due
10		Drill Exercises - Habitude 11 pp. 81-85
11	23-25	Spring Break
12	30	Ch. 10: The Close
12	Apr 1	Ch. 10: The Close ALL OVERTIME DUE
12		Drill Exercises - Habitude 13 pp. 19-23
13	6	Professional Sales Interview
13	8	TBD – CIO WORKSHEET DUE
13		Drill Exercise - Habitude 12 pp. 89-94
14	13	Professional Sales Interview
14	15	Professional Sales Interview – PSP PLANNING WORKSHEET DUE
14		Drill Exercises – Habitude 9 pp. 65-70
15	20	Professional Sales Presentations – Consultations
15	21-24	PROFESSIONAL SALES PRESENTATIONS
15		
16	27	Course Evaluations
16	29	Professional Sales Interview
16	May 1	Dead Day