



Course Syllabus – FFA Leadership A

General Description:

This course will provide FFA students structured time to master leadership skills, public speaking skills and those skills related to careers in Agriculture. Every student will develop and work towards completion of a placement, entrepreneurship or agriscience SAE. Time will be provided for students to work on their SAE projects and prepare for CDE competitions. Students will be expected to keep an up to date record book for their SAE project and demonstrate proficiency in knowledge of both the FFA Organization and their chosen competition areas. This class will directly supplement chapter meetings and chapter activities. In order to be in this class, students must be paid FFA members in good standing. It is also expected that students take all three trimesters of this course. Course assignments will include traditional class assignments/assessments along with participation in various chapter activities including competitions, fundraisers and community service.

Grading:

30% Formal Assessments (tests, quizzes, competition practice)

30% Assignments and HW

40% Participation in course and chapter activities

Grading scale used will be the scale outlined in the student handbook

Materials needed:

Official FFA manual

Official FFA student handbook

FFA Binder – organized as outlined in class

Writing utensils

Tentative order of events during Fall Trimester:

1. The basics: FFA History, Motto, Creed, degrees, SAE, CDE, proficiency awards etc. Freshmen and Sophomore members will begin to prepare for Creed Speaking and FFA Info Test
2. Establishment of SAE projects, record books, secretary book, treasurer book and chapter scrapbook
3. Learn about and master leadership and public speaking skills
4. Learn basic parliamentary procedure
5. Prepare for district Soils competition
6. Choose an event at Leadership Day to compete in – begin to prepare
7. State Degree Applications
8. Decide which CDE's we will be competing in – form teams and begin to prepare

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, students will have mastered the following objectives

CS.PM.01-05 Exhibit appropriate work ethic and behaviors in school, community and/or workplace.

Skills Include: complete assigned tasks on time, maintain regular attendance and punctuality, take responsibility for decisions and actions

CS.PS.01-06 Apply decision-making and problem-solving techniques in school, community and/or workplace.

Skills Include: Identifying problems, selecting solutions to problems, develop plans

CS.CM.01-06 Demonstrate effective communication skills to give and receive information in school, community and/or workplace

Skills Include: Listen attentively and understand verbal/non verbal communication, give and receive feedback in a positive manner; read, speak and write clearly

CS.TW.01-02 Demonstrate effective teamwork in school, community and/or workplace.

Skills Include: Demonstrate skills that improve team effectiveness

CS.EF.01-08 Demonstrate academic, technical and organizational knowledge and skills required for successful employment

Skills Include: apply academic knowledge and technical skills in a career context; demonstrate dress, appearance and personal hygiene appropriate for the work environment; explain and follow health, safety, security and ethical practices

CS.CD.01-05 Demonstrate career development skills in planning for post-high school experiences

Skills Include: develop a career plan/career goals; demonstrate job-seeking skills