

Introduction:

This course is restricted to students working on specialized projects as an alternative to internship. The student is expected to investigate issues related to urban agriculture in a local context. Urban agriculture for this course includes commercial farms, non-profit and educational farms, school and community gardens within a city or cities with a population of 50,000 or more. Examples of issues include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Land/growing space access,
- (b) Educational or training needs and sources
- (c) State laws and city ordinances associated with urban ag
- (d) Labor and technology challenges
- (e) Governmental (city, state, federal) technical and financial

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify problems/issues relevant to urban agricultural operations or education.
2. Review research and practical publications relevant to issue selected/assigned.
3. Use internet and social media resources to identify local urban ag operations.
4. Observe and engage in urban agriculture enterprise as volunteer or employee.
5. Reflect on information reviewed and experiences completed.

Experiential Learning Activities:

- Identify, visit, and interview three urban farmers or community garden coordinators.
- Volunteer for 8 hours at an urban farm, school, or community garden.
- Attend an educational program/meeting provided by one of the following:
 - a. Dallas USDA Service Center
 - b. Dallas County AgriLife Extension
 - c. North Texas School Garden Network

Grade Determination:

	<i>Possible Points</i>
Review/summarize/reflect on 4 relevant research or practical articles	200
Poster presentation highlight an urban farm or school/community garden	100
Reflective video (3-5 minutes) over urban ag enterprises visited	100
Compose 2-page reflection on educational program/meeting attended	100

$$\text{Your Grade (\%)} = \frac{\text{Points Earned}}{500}$$

Requests from students with disabilities for reasonable accommodations must go through the Academic Support Committee by calling Disability Services at 903-886-5150.

The professor reserves the right to modify or adapt the syllabus and/or schedule for this course to accommodate the instructional needs of the students or the administrative needs of the university.