# Syllabus

## ***Welcome to AGBS 8: 🖤🧡***

## ***📣Ag Ambassadors📣🧡🖤***

### *🖤🧡REEDLEY COLLEGE SPRING 2023🧡🖤*

### **Course Format** 2 Units - 1 lecture and 3 lab hours per week.

**Instructor Contact Information**

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**Reedley College**

Section: 58306

Lecture: AGR1 Thursday 12:00pm - 12:50pm

Lab: As assigned

Basic Skills Advisories: English 1, and transfer-level Math.

### **📝Course Description**

*Welcome to the Ag Ambassador team! We will focus on Agriculture Leadership training through the application of individual and group leadership techniques. Participation as an Agriculture Ambassador Team member in college recruitment activities, including giving recruitment presentations at off-campus sites, hosting prospective student groups for on-campus visitations, and sponsoring recruitment activities for prospective students.*

*Throughout the semester, you will experience a range of feelings including success and failure; challenge and boredom; accomplishment and frustration. Please know that your fellow students and I are here to help you through it. In addition, persistence and hard work mean a lot more than “intelligence.” Put in the time and effort and I know you will succeed. As an instructor, I will do everything in my power to give you all of the resources and support to help you succeed. If I am not doing this, please do feel free to reach out to me.*

### **📨Course Communication**

In order to be successful, there will be times that you will need to contact me to answer questions, clarify assignments, or advise you on your educational journey. I am available via my regular office hours are M, W, F 10:00am - 11:00am, (by appt) T/TH 2:00pm - 3:00pm (by appt)

I prefer the email through Canvas so that I can keep track of conversations. I usually respond within 24 hours to your email. If the question requires an in-depth response I will let you know that I am working on it and the answer will follow. You may also contact me via voicemail through my office phone number 559-559-494-3000 ext. 3681

### **📚Text/Materials**

**Required Text:**

* **Strengths-Based Leadership: Rath: ISBN 9781595620255**
* Ag Ambassador Shirt, Tan Pants, or other clothing as appropriate to give professional presentations to groups and special guests

Access to computer email system

### **Course Objectives**

* Host on-campus Agriculture and Natural Resources career-related events.
* Prepare and lead outreach activities based on Agriculture and Natural Resources career options for K-12 students.
* Research Agriculture and Natural Resources career fields.

**Course Outcomes**

* **AGBS-8 SLO1: Describe career opportunities in Agriculture and Natural Resources**
* **AGBS-8 SLO2: Lead a presentation about Agriculture and Natural Resources careers**

#### **Course Outline**

Lecture Content:

* **Communication Skills**  
  **● Group presentations**  
  **● Interpersonal communication**  
  **● Use of multimedia**  
   **Leadership skills**  
  **● Characteristics of Leaders**  
  **● Team leadership**  
  **● Personal leadership plan**
* **Research Skills**  
  **● Interviewing/Listening**
* ● Compiling/Organizing data  
  ● Using data in presentations
* Project Skills  
  ● Planning/Organizing  
  ● Implementing  
  ● Completion/Follow-up
* Teamwork Skills  
  ● Becoming a team  
  ● Team Dynamics  
  ● Sharing roles and responsibilities

### **🥼LAB Activities depends on the semester**

* Develop AGNR Career Outreach Activities
* Agriculture Business  
  2. Plant and Soil Science  
  3. Animal Science  
  4. Forestry and Natural Resources  
  5. Mechanized Agriculture
* AGNR Career Outreach Events
* Visits to K-12 Classrooms
* Reedley College Mid-Winter Field Day
* Reedley College Spring Field Day
* Reedley College Sectional Speaking Contest
* State FFA Convention
* Other On-Campus Events

### **Attendance**

* WEEKLY PARTICIPATION is EXPECTED. Students will be DROPPED FROM THE COURSE after their 3RD WEEK without course interaction.
* All absences are UNEXCUSED. If you don't show up to work, you don't get paid
* Students are expected to log on to Canvas each week and remain on track with pacing guide.
* If you plan to DROP THIS COURSE, you will need to follow college protocol. If you do not drop in time, YOU WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR GRADE.
* At the end of the 9th week of instruction, no withdrawals are permitted, and the student must receive a grade.
* Make-up tests and assignments will only be allowed for EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES.

**Class cancelation**

**Notification of canceled class meeting will be announced through canvas email and the notice will be posted on the CLASSROOM door**

**Methods of Evaluation:**

This course will use any or all the following formative and summative assessments:

* Oral and written case analysis,
* Oral and written reflections on students’ learning and metacognition,
* Portfolio construction and presentation,
* Academic reports recorded in academic style using A.P.A. formatting,
* Quizzes,
* Summative assessments,
* Presentations and demonstrations, and
* Class participation.

**Late Work:**

* All work is assigned at 11:59pm on Sunday unless otherwise specified.
* The assignment will remain open for one week after the due date for submission with a deduction of points.
* After the assignment closes and if you need it reopened you will need to email me with the reason why it did not get done on time and the assignment may or may not be reopened depending on the situation.

**Course Grade Determination**

Tests will be true/false, multiple-choice, short answer, and essay questions. Written laboratory reports and written homework will be required. Course emphasis will be placed on the analysis of records and accounting.

Letter grades will be calculated by using the following standard percentage point evaluation:

A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = under 60%

**Feedback:**

I believe in providing timely and effective feedback to all my students and will reply to your email within 1 to 2 days. You will be able to track your class progress in your Canvas shell for this course. Please allow 4 to 6 days for me to get grading done.

**📜Policy on Cheating & Plagiarism**

In keeping with the philosophy that students are entitled to the best education available and in compliance with Board Policy, each student is expected to exert an entirely honest and individual effort toward attaining an education. Violations of this policy will result in disqualification from the course.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Behavioral Standards**

When in a group setting, it is a common courtesy to turn off all electronic devices (i.e., cell phones, mp3 players, etc....). Please exercise this courtesy!

Students are expected to conduct themselves maturely and responsibly, respecting the rights of all other individuals.

**General Course Policies:**

**️Keys to success in this class:**

* Be attentive to every week’s assigned reading. Actively and critically read your text and be sure to read it before attempting any homework. Be prepared to spend about 4 to 6 hours a week working on this course.
* Keep up. If you fall behind it will become increasingly more difficult to get caught up. Make a study plan and follow it.
* Do the homework. You cannot learn the material without doing the homework, and you certainly cannot get a good grade without it.
* Submit all assignments on time.
* Keep me informed. Life happens. I am willing to make allowances for late work under emergency situations IF YOU LET ME KNOW RIGHT AWAY.
* Use me as a resource. I am here to help you succeed.
* Have FUN!

\*\*NOTE: The instructor reserves the right to change the scope and sequence to meet the needs of each class.

**👉Important Dates**

***FALL 2023 SEMESTER***   
August 7, 2023 (M)                Instruction Begins   
August 18, 2023 (F) Last day to drop a Fall 2023 Full-term class for FULL refund

August 25, 2023 (F) Last day to drop a Fall 2023-full term class in person with add authorization

August 25, 2023 (F) Last day to drop to avoid a “W”

September 4 (M) LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (no classes held)

October 1, 2023 (SU) Deadline to apply for graduation for Fall 2023

October 6, 2023 (F) Last Day to drop a full-term Fall 2023 class

November 10, 2023 (F) VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY (no classes)

November 23-24 (Th-F) THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (no classes)

December 4-8 (M-F) Fall 2023 Final Exams Week

December 8, 2023 (F) End of Fall 2023 Semester

December 11-29 (M\_F) Winter Recess