Title of Course: **Agricultural and Food Policy**

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours:
The U.S. policy process as it relates to food and agricultural issues. Analysis of domestic farm, food, and resource policy as well as international trade and market development issues. (3)

II. Prerequisites: AG 245 or EC 215, and EC225.

III. Objectives of the Course

A. Increase understanding of the policy process in the U.S.

B. Develop the ability to use economic concepts to analyze the consequences of policy alternatives.

C. Become familiar with a range of past and current agriculture, food, and resource policy issues.

D. Improve the students ability to present, support, and defend a policy position.

IV. Expectations of Students

A. Read required material *prior* to class attendance.

B. Attend class regularly and actively participate in class discussion.

C. Meet all announced deadlines for assignments.

D. Abide by University policies regarding academic honesty as stated in the *Student Handbook*.

V. Course Content

**The Policy Process**

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**Domestic Farm Policy**

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B. History of U.S. Farm Policy
C. New Directions

**Structural Change in U.S. Agriculture**
A. Industrialization

**Agriculture and Resource Policy**
A. Basic Issues and Types of Resources
B. Soil Conservation
C. Water Quality and Supply Issues
D. Endangered Species Policy
E. Farmland Preservation
F. Global Warming

**U.S. Food Policy**
A. Nutrition, Food Safety and Food Quality

**International Agricultural Trade Policy**
A. Trade Theory
B. U.S. Trade Policy

**Exams**
2

**Debates**
5

VII. Textbook and Other References

A. Textbook


B. Other References


VIII. Basis for Student Evaluation

A. Two one-hour exams 30%

B. Final exam 15%

C. Debates, problem sets, short papers and/or article reviews 45%
D. Quizzes 5%

E. Class Participation 5%

Approved 9/23/98 by College Council.