



Mrs. Charter

Maxwell Grown aka Ag 4 Intro to Ag

Bus

## Student Course Outline and Expectations 2025-2026

### Instructor Contact Info:

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### Course Description

Provides a basic understanding of the business and economics of the agricultural industry; an introduction to the economic aspects of agriculture and their implications to the agricultural producer, consumer and the food system; management principles encountered in the day-to-day operation of an agricultural enterprise as they related to the decision-making process. We will be using the lens of Farm to Fork to explore Ag Business concepts. Students will earn a ServSafe certificate. FFA and SAE are an integral part of this course. Field trips, guest speakers, and interviews are valuable portion of the curriculum which students are expected to participate in.

Students will need to enroll successfully in the course and meet the attendance and grading requirement to receive college credit.

### Grading Scale:

90-100% ~ A  
80-89% ~ B  
70-79% ~ C  
60-69% ~ D  
59% - Lower ~ F



### Items you'll need for class:

#### Required:

- Notebook/Section of Notebook
- Paper & Writing Utensil

#### School Provided:

- School Issued Laptop

### Grading Policies

70% Classwork, Projects, Tests & Quizzes  
10% Class Participation  
10% FFA Participation  
10% SAE

**DON'T  
FORGET**

We will be utilizing your school issued computer **DAILY**. It will be the student's responsibility to arrive with it charged..



# My Course Policies and Expectations

## • **LATE WORK**

- **ALL** assignments will be given a due date, **LATE WORK** will be accepted, however the student will receive an automatic 20% deduction from the score they receive.
- **LATE WORK** will not be accepted beyond one unit.

**EXTRA CREDIT** will be offered to the students periodically throughout the school year. It is up to each student to take advantage of it. **NO STUDENT** will be offered an individualized extra credit assignment at any point.

- **FFA ACTIVITIES:** You must participate and earn **4** FFA points for activities each semester for full credit. (Ag Department Policy). To participate in fair you must participate in **8** points for the year. Students must be present for the entire activity to receive credit unless a prior arrangement has been made with an agricultural instructor.
- **SAE PROJECTS:** All students enrolled in an agriculture class must conduct an approved SAE project each year and keep accurate, up-to-date record books under the guidance of an advisor. (This rule does not apply for first year members, however by the end of their first year all members will have outlined an SAE project). Sophomores-Seniors must log **50 hours** in their SAE from July 1-June 1st.
- **PLAGIARISM:** Any student(s) caught cheating on a test or quiz, or copying any portions of assignments or lab reports will receive a **ZERO** for that activity. They will **NOT** be able to make it up for partial credit.
- **Absent? MAKE-UP WORK:** It is the **student's responsibility** to ask for any work or assignments that were missed..

## Cell Phone Policy

Cell Phones need to be placed in the lockbox prior to the start of class.

Students can get their phones back at the end of the class after the bell.

Students need to be in their class ready to learn when the bell rings.

## Course Outline

Food Safety

Value Added

Crop Selection & Growing

Marketing & Sales

Role & Organization of the Ag Business

Management

Decision Making

Human Resources

Communication

Financial Management

WOOHOO





Google Classroom

W E B S I T E S



### Charter's TIP

Make sure the contact information is current for PARENTS and STUDENTS in Aeries Communication and AET. We send out a large amount of reminders regarding FFA Activities as well as SAE. I suggest students take advantage of the Text options.



@maxwellffa



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## Parent and Student Signature

I will be asking that families sign the class syllabus digitally, this will allow you to have a digital copy of this document. Please follow the URL link below and complete the requested information.

A signed copy will be returned to you in the email that you provide.

I'm looking forward to an excellent school year and a return of our normal extracurricular activities. Please let me know if you have any questions.



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