**Horticulture Practicum**

**Course Syllabus**

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**Course Information**

This course will serve as practical applications of knowledge and skills in plant systems. This course includes a heavy emphasis on plant production and greenhouse management, critical thinking, and problem-solving tasks.

**Class Objectives**

During the course of this semester, we will cover a wide range of topics concerning horticulture. Some of the topics we will cover are listed below:

* Application and Knowledge of Skills
* Professional Standards
* Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
* Leadership and Teamwork Skills
* Oral and Written Communication
* Professional Portfolio
* Marketing and Management Skills in Operation of Horticulture Businesses
* Marketing and Management of Greenhouse and Nursery Operations
* Plans for SAE

**Materials Needed**

* Notebook to take notes, handouts, and graded papers home with you.
* Composition Notebook for daily journals which will stay in the classroom.
* Paper
* Pen
* Pencil

**Note from the Instructor**

Howdy! Welcome to the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources department, more commonly known as “Ag”. We are excited to bring in a new year. This year we will concentrate on nursery and greenhouse management. Although you may find some topics more interesting than others the whole process is our focus. As a member of this class, you are also provided with FFA membership and all of the opportunities that come with it. I encourage you to get involved and attend the first couple of meetings to find out what it is all about. FFA offers something for everyone. It can be a great opportunity for you to make new friends, explore your interests, prepare for a career, and earn scholarship money! - Mr. Trees

**Grading Scale**

*Tests/ Major Projects:* These will consist of written tests and projects. Special projects will include operating the greenhouse.

*Daily Assignments:* This will include daily grades from activities and assignments during class. The record book and journal grades will also fall under this category.

* **Record Books-** The Texas Education Agency requires that students taking Agricultural Science classes maintain a record book. A written copy of the record book will remain in the classroom, and they will also be updated online. Students will be given time during class to update their books. All students are expected to keep the record book current. Students will receive a weekly grade.
* **Journals**- Students are required to record journals in this class. They will be kept in the classroom, updated by the student at the beginning of each class period, and used to record class notes. Journals will be available for students to take home to assist with homework or test preparation; however they will be graded regularly. Therefore, it is very important that journals are kept in the appropriate section of the classroom so that they are available for grading.

*Homework:* This category includes any assignments to be brought home for homework or completed outside of class.

*Late Work:* Grades on late work will be reduced by 10%. Students have one additional day for each day absent before an assignment will be counted late. Major projects which were assigned due dates prior to the absence will still be due on the day that the student returns.

