

**INAG 310 -- International Agriculture in Developing Countries
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Course Description: The study of international agricultural problems and processes in developing countries. A special emphasis will be given to world hunger, the world food supply, use of resources, population growth, and trade policies.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop an understanding of the interrelated factors involved in the world food situation, poverty and population, including the role of food production, marketing, distribution, culture and governmental policies that affect development of agricultural-based societies.
2. To develop knowledge and appreciation of other cultures.
3. To develop knowledge of the agricultural practices used in other nations.
4. To develop geographic literacy of developing countries.
5. To develop correct writing skills and abilities.

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
M	8/24	Introduction
W	8/26	Western Online Page
F	8/28	Identification of developing countries and problems
M	8/31	Identification of developing countries and problems
W	9/2	Identification of developing countries and problems
F	9/4	Population statistics
M	9/7	No class -- Labor Day
W	9/9	Population statistics
F	9/11	World Food Supply
M	9/14	World Food Supply
W	9/16	World Food Supply
F	9/18	Nutrition/Undernutrition
M	9/21	Supersize me
W	9/23	Nutrition/Undernutrition
F	9/25	Nutrition/Undernutrition

M 9/28	Study Abroad Opportunities
W 9/30	Exam I
F 10/2	Country Reports
M 10/5	Country Reports
W 10/7	Country Report
F 10/9	Country Report
M 10/12	Country Report
W 10/14	Country Report
F 10/16	Video -- World Hunger
M 10/19	Pakistan
W 10/21	International Trade
F 10/23	Peace Corps
M 10/26	International Trade
W 10/28	International Trade
F 10/30	Culture
M 11/2	Culture
W 11/4	Culture
F 11/6	Exam II
M 11/9	New Zealand
W 11/11	Russia
F 11/13	Keys to Ag Development
M 11/16	Keys to Ag Development
W 11/18	Keys to Ag Development
F 11/20	Video -- Africa
M 11/23-27	No class -- Dr. Carlson's Birthday
M 11/30	Green Revolution
W 12/2	Water and resources
F 12/4	Food Aid
M 12/7	China
W 12/9	Exam III
F 12/11	Review

Final Exam -- Monday, 12/14, 8:00 class at 8:00, 10:00 class at 10:00

Grading Scale

A 100 - 90%
 B 89 - 80%
 C 79 - 70%
 D 69 - 60%
 F 0 - 59%

Grades Based On:

3 hr. exams @ 50 pts.	150
Homework, quizzes	25
Country Report -- oral	40
Country Report -- written	30
Peer review	20
Volunteer Assignment	15

Final Exam	<u>100</u>
Total	380

Homework: Each assignment is due at the start of the next class period. If handed in one period late, five points will be deducted. Assignments handed in later than that will not be graded. The assignment sheet must be included with the assignment or five points will be deducted.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be unannounced and of either 5 or 10 pts. each.

Country Report -- Information is available at the Western Online class page

Additional Reading: Additional outside-class reading material may be assigned periodically on the Western Online page.

Extra Credit: Extra Credit will be available only as follows:

1. Attending an International presentation with writeup/summary -- 15 pts./session possible, 30 total maximum points
2. Other specific events that will arise on campus, as approved by the instructor
3. Extra credit assignments must be handed in w/in a week of the presentation for credit to be given.

Excuses: Any excuse for a missed test or assignment must be cleared before the assignment is due or test is to be taken. In general, the only accepted excuses will be for university events, personal health if a doctor's excuse is available, and verifiable family emergencies.

All cell phone ringers must be shut off when in class. A deduction of 10 points will be made for each cell phone call made or received in class.

Plagiarism will be grounds for failing the course. See WIU's policy at:
<http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php>