

The Syllabus

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Second offering of international elective to begin mid-April

The MAB's international elective, Comparative Food and Agriculture Systems, will begin again April 21. This will be the second year the course has been offered to interested students.

AGEC 710 is team taught by faculty at K-State's partner institutions in Uruguay, France, Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Thailand. The course gives students a first-hand account of the history and conditions of each of the significant economic zones studied – MERCOSUR, European Union, Russia and the CIS, and East Asia. The graduate level course is 3 credit hours and is \$1,500.

Those interested in the elective should register with Dea or Meagan by March 1. **For more information, contact Dea at dmandery@ksu.edu, 785-532-4435 or Meagan Cramer at mcramer@agecon.ksu.edu, 785-532-4495.**

In the news

Casey Niemann, class of 2000, and his wife Tammy, gave birth to Alex William Niemann on October 28. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Alison Rosenblum, class of 2004, and Craig Aure, announce the birth of their daughter, Delilah Rose Aure, on November 3.

Allen Featherstone, MAB director, and his wife Lila, announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on January 5. Rachel has two older brothers, Andrew and Nathan, and an older sister, Sarah.

Andy Nelson, class of 2001, and his wife, Lori, gave birth to Grant Andrew, on January 23. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and his big sister Lauren is quite taken with him. Andy has been also been promoted to Operations Manager for Kroger Bakery, and the family recently made a move to Piedmont, South Carolina.

Dominic Melendez, class of 2002, will marry Shilo Diddy on February 22.

Kurt Meyers, class of 2002, is engaged to Amanda Taylor. The couple will marry April 5.

Steve Brody, alumni and MAB Advisory Board member, was promoted to the Operations and Program Manager for the Sales and Marketing Customer and Sales Services department for Pioneer and DuPont Crop Protection in December. He has overall responsibility for Programs, Programs Workflow, TruChoice support and the general operations of the Customer and Sales Services team.

Curt Blades, class of 2001, accepted a position with Successful Farming Magazine as a sales executive for the western region including Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona.

Lautaro Perez Rocha, alumni, has been awarded the 2003 International Stockmen's Educational Foundation Travel Fellowship. The fellowship will allow Lautaro to travel to Houston in February and interact with industry leaders in the livestock industry.

Steve Weber, class of 2004 has been promoted to Business Development Manager for National Accounts for John Deere Credit's Ag Financial Services Division in Johnston, Iowa.

Upcoming Events

March 1

Enrollment for international elective due

March 16-21

On-campus session

April 12

Deadline to order cap and gown from K-State Student Union Bookstore

April 21

Comparative Food and Agricultural Systems begins (optional elective)

May 5

Deadline to attend spring commencement - Approval to schedule final examination and diploma information forms due

May 14

Final copy of thesis due to grad school

May 16

K-State spring commencement

Alumni trip update

The alumni trip that was scheduled for February 21 has been postponed until 2003. The trip will still include travel to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay with visits to various farms and agribusinesses as well as tourist stops. Watch for upcoming details.

Thompson awarded scholarship

Jess Thompson, class of 2004, was awarded the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center MAB scholarship. Jess is the Financial Services Officer for Farm Credit Services in Shelbyville, Kentucky.

The scholarship is awarded yearly to an MAB student who is an employee or director of a cooperative. The award covers partial tuition associated with completing the program.

Those interested in applying for this scholarship, or others available, please complete the applications available on our website here, www.dce.ksu.edu/MAB/Admission/Financial_Assistance.html. Applications are due December 1.

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