# AGEC 4233 Land Resource Economics, Spring 2021

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## Course Description:
**AGEC 4233 Land and Resource Economics: 3 semester Credit hours.**
Analysis of the economic, political, and institutional forces involved in the control and use of land and natural resources. Emphasis on land as a factor of production in agriculture.

## Prerequisites:
AGEC 1233 or ECON 2113

## Required Text(s):  

## Textbook ISBN:  
978-1-60344-795-9

## Optional Reading Materials

## Student Learning Outcomes:

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<td>1. Describe the current status of land resources in Texas and the United States and the adequacy of these resources to meet future needs.</td>
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<td>2. Apply economic principles to explain decisions relating to land resources and to guide future decision-making about land use.</td>
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<td>3. Gain knowledge about potential problems and identify available resources with regards to purchasing rural land in Texas.</td>
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<td>4. Explain the various institutional and legal arrangements and how they influence land transactions and values.</td>
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<td>5. Use computer software tools in the study of human populations to develop better understanding of the relationships that exist between the human economy and the natural world.</td>
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Course Delivery/Modality:
This is a hybrid course, delivered online (Zoom and eCourses Learning Management system) and face-to-face. Students must be mindful of all course expectations, deliverables and due dates. All assignments and course interactions will utilize Internet technologies. See “Technical Requirements” section for more information.

Preferred Method of Contact with Instructor
My preferred method of contact is email via eCourses. You can also telephone me at 936-261-2526. I strive to respond to email and telephone messages as soon as possible but please allow between 24 and 48 hours for a response if you contact me on a weekend. Alternatively, I encourage you to use the Q&A discussion board in eCourses to post general class questions, if you are unclear on directions, assignments, etc. I will check the Q&A discussion board daily.

Method of Determining Final Course Grade

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Attendance/Participation/Discussion Forums (10 %): Attendance in this course means Zoom conferencing with your professor during regular class time (MWF 9:10 AM - 10:00 AM) for lecture presentations. Your webcam must be turned on during virtual face-to-face (F2F) class sessions as indicated on the course calendar. If a student has an excused absence, the student must provide the professor with documentation for that absence by the next class period. A student will only receive attendance points for those dates for which there is documentation. Participation in this course is comprised of discussion forums that are required and graded. There are a total of 4 graded discussion forums, and the mandatory introduction forum in the welcome week. You will be required every two weeks to post an original and thoughtful response to that week’s topic.

Assignments/Quizzes (15%): You must log into eCourses on a regular basis with your college email to complete all of the assignments and activities that are posted. Assignments will be available as we progress throughout the semester and you will be responsible for completing them. Specific details for assignments will be posted in the assignment area of the course site in eCourses. All assignments are due at the stated deadline, which is in Central Standard Time and late assignments will be accepted as outlined in the syllabus. Each assignment will have a designated place to submit the assignment. **Quizzes:** There are 14 graded quizzes in this course. These will consist of 10-15 questions that will cover topics from lectures, book chapters, guest presentations and videos. The quizzes will be timed (15 minutes) and will be of the multiple choice, short answer, fill in the blank, matching and true/false format.

Projects (10%): **Project 1:** Using a Prairie View A&M University campus map, determine the various land uses on the campus. The details for this project will be posted in the assignment area of eCourses. **Project 2:** You will examine the comprehensive plan of a city or county and summarize how it integrates agriculture in its plan to address food insecurity. The details for this project will be posted in the assignment area of eCourses.

Three Exams (45%): The exams will consist of a combination of multiple choice, True/False, short answer, essay questions and one bonus discussion question. Topics will include all readings, lectures, videos and discussion forums, i.e. any material covered to that point in the course. All exams will be timed. Exams should be taken as scheduled. Makeup examinations may be allowed under circumstances of documented emergencies (See Student Handbook). **All exams will be taken via eCourses.**

Final Exam (20%): The final exam will not be a comprehensive assessment. Details will be provided in the final review study guide and in the Announcement area of eCourses. The final exam will be timed and include multiple choice, true/false, fill-in-the-blank, matching as well as short answer items.
Policy regarding late or missed quizzes, assignments, exams as well as rewrites
This course requires you to spend time preparing and completing assignments, including actively participating in class. Observe deadlines for submitting homework assignments. Late assignments will result in 3 points per day penalty and may not be accepted after 4 days. **There will be no makeups for missed quizzes.** Exams should be taken as scheduled. Makeup examinations **may** be allowed under circumstances of documented emergencies (See Student Handbook). **All tests will be taken via eCourses.**

**IMPORTANT:** If at any point you should encounter any technical issues, please send an email to the CIITS at Email: ciits@pvamu.edu, they can also be reached by telephone at 936-261-3283. You should also copy me on the email so that I am aware of the situation and if possible, include a screenshot of the issue.

**Grades and Grading Scale:** Assignment of letter grades is based on a percentage of points earned. The letter grade will correspond with the following percentages achieved. All course requirements must be completed before a grade is assigned.

**Grading Criteria and Conversion:**
- A = 90-100 pts
- B = 80-89 pts
- C = 70-79 pts
- D = 60-69 pts
- F = 0-59 pts

**Course Procedures or Additional Instructor Policies**

**Taskstream**
Taskstream is a tool that Prairie View A&M University uses for assessment purposes. One of your assignments may be required to be submitted as an "artifact," an item of coursework that serves as evidence that course objectives are met. If applicable, more information will be provided during the semester by your department, but for general information, you can visit Taskstream via the link in eCourses.

**Formatting Assignments**
Microsoft Word is the standard word processing tool used at PVAMU. If you’re using other word processors, be sure to use the “save as” tool and save the document in either the Microsoft Word, Rich-Text, or plain text format. All other assignments must be typed in 11- or 12-point font (Times New Roman).

**Syllabus Disclaimer**
The instructor views the course syllabus as an educational understanding between the instructor and students. Every effort will be made to avoid changing the course schedule, but the possibility exists that unforeseen events will make syllabus changes necessary. The instructor reserves the right to make changes to the syllabus as deemed necessary. Students will be notified in a timely manner of any syllabus changes face-to-face, via email or in the course site announcements. Please remember to check course announcement in eCourses regularly.

**Student Support and Success**

**John B. Coleman Library**
The library and its partners have as their mission to provide resources and instructional material in support of the evolving curriculum, as a partner in Prairie View A&M University's mission of teaching, research, and service and to support the University's core values of access and quality, diversity, leadership, relevance, and social responsibility through emphasis on ten key areas of service. It maintains library collections and access both on campus, online, and through local agreements to further the educational goals of students and faculty. Phone: 936-261-1500; Website: J. B. Coleman Library.

**Academic Advising Services**
Academic Advising Services offers students a variety of services that contributes to student success and leads towards graduation. We assist students with understanding university policies and procedures that affect academic progress. We
support the early alert program to help students get connected to success early in the semester. We help refer students to the appropriate academic support services when the student is unsure of the best resource for their needs. Some students are supported by faculty advisors in their respective colleges. Your faculty advisor can be identified in PantherTracks. Advisors with Academic Advising Services are available to all students. We are located across campus. You can find your advisor’s location by academic major at Phone: 936-261-5911, and at Academic Advising Website.

**The University Tutoring Center**
The University Tutoring Center (UTC) offers free tutoring and academic support to all registered PVAMU students. The mission of the UTC is to help provide a solid academic foundation that enables students to become confident, capable, independent learners. Competent and caring staff and peer tutors guide students in identifying, acquiring, and enhancing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to reach their desired goals. Tutoring and academic support is offered face-to-face in the UTC, in virtual face-to-face sessions, and through online sessions at PVPlace. Other support services available for students include Supplemental Instruction, Study Break, Academic Success Workshops, and Algebra Study Jam. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 307; Phone: 936-261-1561; Email: pvtutoring@pvamu.edu; Website: University Tutoring Center.

**The Writing Center**
The Writing Center provides well-trained peer tutors that assist students with writing assignments at any stage of the writing process. Tutors help students with various writing tasks from understanding assignments, brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing, researching, and integrating sources. Students have free access to Grammarly online writing assistance. Grammarly is an automated proofreading and plagiarism detection tool. Students must register for Grammarly by using their student email address. In addition, students have access to face-to-face as well as virtual tutoring services either asynchronously via email or synchronously via Zoom. Location: J. B. Coleman Library, Rm. 209; Phone: 936-261-3724; Website: The Writing Center; Grammarly Registration.

**Academic Early Alert**
Academic Early Alert is a proactive system of communication and collaboration between faculty, academic advisors, and PVAMU students that is designed to support student success by promptly identifying issues and allowing for intervention. Academic Early Alert helps students by providing a central location to schedule advising appointments, view advisor contact information, and request assistance. Students who recognize that they have a problem that is negatively affecting their academic performance or ability to continue school may self-refer an Academic Early Alert. To do so, students will log in to PVPlace and click on Academic Early Alert on the left sidebar. Phone: 936-261-5902; Website: Academic Early Alert.

**Student Counseling Services**
The Student Counseling Services unit offers a range of services and programs to assist students in maximizing their potential for success: short-term individual, couples, and group counseling, as well as crisis intervention, outreach, consultation, and referral services. The staff is licensed by the State of Texas and provides assistance to students who are dealing with academic skills concerns, situational crises, adjustment problems, and emotional difficulties. Information shared with the staff is treated confidentially and in accordance with Texas State Law. Location: Hobart Taylor, 2nd floor. Phone: 936-261-3564; Website: Student Counseling Services.

**ADA & Disability Support Services Office of Testing Services**
Testing Services serves to create opportunities by offering suite of exams that aid in the students’ academic and professional success. Currently we administer entrance (HESI A2), college readiness (TSI assessment), Prior Learning (CLEP, DSST), and proctored exams. Location: Wilhelmina Delco, 3rd Floor, Rm. 305; Phone: 936-261-3627; Email: aetesting@pvamu.edu; Website: Testing Services.

**Office of Diagnostic Testing and Disability Services**
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be
guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services. As a federally mandated educational support unit, the Office of Disability Services serves as the repository for confidential disability files for faculty, staff, and students. For persons with a disability, the Office develops individualized ADA letters of request for accommodations. Other services include learning style inventories, awareness workshops, accessibility pathways, webinars, computer laboratory with adapted hardware and software, adapted furniture, proctoring of non-standardized test administrations, ASL interpreters, ALDs, digital recorders, Livescribe, and a comprehensive referral network across campus and the broader community. Location: Hobart Taylor, Rm. 1D128; Phone: 936-261-3583; Website: Disability Services.

Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS)
Distance Learning, also referred to as Distance Education, is the employment of alternative instructional delivery methods to extend programs and services to persons unable to attend college in the traditional manner. The Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) supports student learning through online, hybrid, web-assisted and 2-way video course delivery. For more details and contact information, visit: CIITS Student Webpage; Phone: 936-261-3283.

Veteran Affairs
Veteran Services works with student veterans, current military and military dependents to support their transition to the college environment and continued persistence to graduation. The Office coordinates and certifies benefits for both the G.I. Bill and the Texas Hazlewood Act. Location: Evans Hall, Rm. 102; Phone: 936-261-3563; Website: Veteran Affairs.

Office for Student Engagement
The Office for Student Engagement delivers comprehensive programs and services designed to meet the co-curricular needs of students. The Office implements inclusive and accessible programs and services that enhance student development through exposure to and participation in diverse and relevant social, cultural, intellectual, recreational, community service, leadership development and campus governance. Location: Memorial Student Center, Rm. 221; Phone: 936-261-1340; Website: Office for Student Engagement.

Career Services
Career Services supports students through professional development, career readiness, and placement and employment assistance. The Office provides one-on-one career coaching, interview preparation, resume and letter writing, and career exploration workshops and seminars. Services are provided for students at the Northwest Houston Center and College of Nursing in the Medical Center twice a month or on a requested basis. Distance Learning students are encouraged to visit the Career Services website for information regarding services provided. Location: Anderson Hall, 2nd floor; Phone: 936-261-3570; Website: Career Services.

University Rules and Procedures

Academic Policies:

Academic Misconduct (See Student Planner)
You are expected to practice academic honesty in every aspect of this course and all other courses. Make sure you are familiar with your Student Planner, especially the section on academic misconduct (see University Administrative Guidelines on Academic Integrity). Students who engage in academic misconduct are subject to university disciplinary procedures. As listed in the PVAMU Undergraduate Catalog, Graduate Catalog, and the Student Planner, the following are examples of prohibited conduct. This list is not designed to be all-inclusive or exhaustive. In addition to academic sanctions, any student found to have committed or to have attempted to commit the following academic misconduct may also be subject to disciplinary review and action as outlined in the PVAMU Student Planner.

Forms of Academic Dishonesty:
1. **Cheating:** Deception in which a student misrepresents that he/she has mastered information on an academic exercise that he/she has not learned, giving or receiving aid unauthorized by the instructor on assignments or examinations. Examples: unauthorized use of notes for a test; using a “cheat sheet” on a quiz or exam; any alteration made on a graded test or exam which is then resubmitted to the teacher.

2. **Plagiarism:** Careless or deliberate use of the work or the ideas of another; representation of another’s work, words, ideas, or data as your own without permission or appropriate acknowledgment. Examples: copying another’s paper or answers, failure to identify information or essays from the Internet and submitting or representing it as your own; submitting an assignment which has been partially or wholly done by another and claiming it as yours; not properly acknowledging a source which has been summarized or paraphrased in your work; failure to acknowledge the use of another’s words with quotation marks.

3. **Multiple Submission:** Submission of work from one course to satisfy a requirement in another course without explicit permission. Example: using a paper prepared and graded for credit in one course to fulfill a requirement and receive credit in a different course.

4. **Conspiracy:** Agreeing with one or more persons to commit an act of academic/scholastic dishonesty.

5. **Fabrication of Information/Forgery:** Use or submission of contrived, invented, forged, or altered information in any assignment, laboratory exercise, or test; tampering with or production of a counterfeit document, particularly documents which make up the student’s academic record. Examples: making up a source or citing nonexistent publication or article; representing made up data as real for an experiment in a science laboratory class; forging a change of grade or student withdrawal record; falsifying any document related to a student academic exercise.

**Nonacademic Misconduct (See Student Planner)**
The University respects the rights of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires campus conditions that do not impede their exercise. Campus behavior that interferes with either (1) the instructor's ability to conduct the class, or (2) the ability of students to benefit from the instructional program, or (3) the rights of others will not be tolerated. An individual engaging in such disruptive behavior may be subject to disciplinary action. Such incidents will be adjudicated by the Office for Student Conduct under nonacademic procedures.

**Sexual Misconduct**
Sexual harassment of students and employees at Prairie View A&M University is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Any member of the university community violating the university’s sexual harassment policy will be subject to disciplinary action. In accordance with the Texas A&M University System guidelines, your instructor is obligated to report to the Office of Title IX Compliance (titleixteam@pvamu.edu) any instance of sexual misconduct involving a student, which includes sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, domestic violence, and sexual harassment, about which the instructor becomes aware during this course through writing, discussion, or personal disclosure. The faculty and staff of PVAMU actively strive to provide a learning, working, and living environment that promotes respect that is free from sexual misconduct, discrimination, and all forms of violence. If students, faculty, or staff would like assistance, or have questions, they may contact the Title IX Coordinator at 936-261-2144 or titleixteam@pvamu.edu. More information can be found at the Title IX Webpage including confidential resources available on campus.

**Pregnancy, Pregnancy-related, and Parenting Accommodations**
Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination, which includes discrimination based on pregnancy, marital status, or parental status. Students seeking accommodations related to pregnancy, pregnancy-related condition, or parenting (reasonably immediate postpartum period) are encouraged to contact Student Disability Services or the Dean of Students’ Office for additional information and to request accommodations. More information can be found at this webpage.

**Non-Discrimination Statement**
Prairie View A&M University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity in its programs and activities. The University is committed to supporting students and complying with the Texas A&M University System non-discrimination policy. It
seeks to establish an environment that is free of bias, discrimination, and harassment. If you experience an incident of discrimination or harassment, we encourage you to report it. If you would like to speak with someone who may be able to afford you privacy or confidentiality, there are individuals who can meet with you. The Director of Equal Opportunity & Diversity has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies, and can be reached at Harrington Science Building, Suite 109 or by phone 936-261-1744 or 1792.

Class Attendance Policy (See Catalog for Full Attendance Policy)
Prairie View A&M University requires regular class attendance. Attending all classes supports full academic development of each learner whether classes are taught with the instructor physically present or via distance learning technologies such as interactive video and/or internet. Excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, may result in a student’s course grade being reduced or in assignment of a grade of “F”. Absences are accumulated beginning with the first day of class during regular semesters and summer terms. Each faculty member will include the University's attendance policy in each course syllabus.

Student Academic Appeals Process
Authority and responsibility for assigning grades to students rests with the faculty. However, in those instances where students believe that miscommunication, errors, or unfairness of any kind may have adversely affected the instructor's assessment of their academic performance, the student has a right to appeal by the procedure listed in the University Catalog and by doing so within thirty days of receiving the grade or experiencing any other problematic academic event that prompted the complaint. Students can file Academic Complaints and/or Grade Appeals at this webpage.

Technical Considerations

Minimum Recommended Hardware and Software:
- Intel PC or Laptop with Windows 10 or later version; Mac with OS High Sierra*
- Smartphone or iPad/Tablet with Wi-Fi*
- High speed Internet access
- 8 GB Memory
- Hard drive with 320 GB storage space
- 15” monitor, 800x600, color or 16 bit
- Sound card w/speakers
- Microphone and recording software
- Keyboard & mouse
- Most current version of Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox

*Smartphone, Google Chrome books and Android tablets may not be supported. iPads are the only tablets supported.

Note: Be sure to enable Java & pop-ups in the Web browser preferences

Technical Requirements: Email and Internet
This course requires that you have access to the Internet. You are responsible for having a reliable computer and internet connection in order to fully participate in this course. You must also have an active Prairie View A&M University e-mail account. All instructor correspondence will be sent to your PVAMU e-mail account. Please plan on checking your email account regularly for course related messages.

Participants should have a basic proficiency of the following computer skills:
- Sending and receiving emails
- A working knowledge of the Internet
- Microsoft Word (or a program convertible to Word)
- Acrobat PDF Reader
- Windows or Mac OS
- Video conferencing software

Netiquette (online etiquette)
Students are expected to participate in all discussions and virtual classroom chats as directed. Students are to be respectful and courteous to others on discussions boards. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated. Do not use ALL CAPS for communicating to others AS IT CAN BE INTERPRETED AS YELLING. Avoid slang terms such as “wassup?” and texting abbreviations such as “u” instead of “you.” Limit and possibly avoid the use of emoticons. Be cautious when using humor or sarcasm as tone is sometimes lost in an email or discussion post and the message might be taken seriously or sound offensive.

**Video Conferencing Etiquette**

When using Zoom, WebEx or other video conferencing tools, confirm the visible area is tidy, clear of background clutter, inappropriate or offensive posters, and other distractions. It is important for you as a student to recognize that the online classroom is in fact a classroom. Hence, participating in class while driving a vehicle is neither safe nor acceptable. You must be in a permanent location and visible for the duration of the class. Ensure you dress appropriately and avoid using high traffic or noisy areas. Stay muted when you are not speaking and avoid eating/drinking during session. Before class session begins test audio, video and lighting to alleviate technology issues.

**Technical Support**

Students should go to the Password Reset Tool if they have password issues. The page will provide instructions for resetting passwords and contact information if login issues persist. For other technical questions regarding eCourses, call the Center for Instructional Innovation and Technology Services (CIITS) at 936-261-3283 or email ciits@pvamu.edu.

**Communication Expectations and Standards**

Emails or discussion postings will receive a response from the instructor, usually in less than 48 hours. Urgent emails should be marked as such. Check regularly for responses.

**Discussion Requirement**

Online courses often require minimal to no face-to-face meetings. However, conversations about the readings, lectures, materials, and other aspects of the course can take place in a seminar fashion. This will be accomplished by the use of the discussion board. The exact use of discussion will be determined by the instructor.

**COVID-19 Campus Safety Measures**

To promote public safety and protect students, faculty, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, Prairie View A&M University has adopted policies and practices for the Fall 2020 academic term to limit virus transmission. Students must observe the following practices while participating in face-to-face courses and course-related activities (office hours, help sessions, transitioning to and between classes, study spaces, academic services, etc.):

- **Self-monitoring** - Students should follow CDC recommendations for self-monitoring. Students who have a fever or exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 should participate in class remotely and should not participate in face-to-face instruction.

- **Face Coverings** - Face coverings (cloth face covering, surgical mask, etc.) must be properly worn in all non-private spaces including classrooms, teaching laboratories, common spaces such as lobbies and hallways, public study spaces, libraries, academic resource and support offices, and outdoor spaces where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to reliably maintain.

- **Physical Distancing** - Physical distancing must be maintained between students, instructors, and others in course and course-related activities.
• **Classroom Ingress/Egress** - Students must follow marked pathways for entering and exiting classrooms and other teaching spaces. Students should leave classrooms promptly after course activities have concluded, should not congregate in hallways and should maintain 6-foot physical distancing when waiting to enter classrooms and other instructional spaces.

• **Face-to-face Class** - To attend a face-to-face class, students must wear a face covering (or a face shield if they have an exemption letter). If a student refuses to wear a face covering, the instructor should ask the student to leave and join the class remotely. If the student does not leave the class, the faculty member should report that student to the Office for Student Conduct for adjudication. Additionally, the faculty member may choose to teach that day’s class remotely for all students.

• **COVID-19 Guidelines for Student Conduct Adjudication** - The mandatory COVID-19 Training/Certification taken by all students serves as the 1st Warning for violation of COVID-19 Guidelines.
  o 1st incident: upon review of Incident Report and finding of responsibility — Conduct Probation
  o 2nd incident: upon review of Incident Report and finding of responsibility — Suspension
  o Consult the Code of Student Conduct in the Student Planner or [Student Conduct website](#) for additional information on Conduct Probation and Suspension.

• **Personal Illness and Quarantine** - Students required to quarantine must participate in courses and course-related activities remotely and must not attend face-to-face course activities. Students should notify their instructors of the quarantine requirement. Students under quarantine are expected to participate in courses and complete graded work unless they have symptoms that are too severe to participate in course activities. Students experiencing personal injury or illness that is too severe for the student to attend class qualify for an excused absence. To receive an excused absence, students must provide appropriate documentation to the Office for Student Conduct, studentconduct@pvamu.edu.
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W: Class introductions; eCourses overview; Syllabus overview (F2F)  
Introduction to Land Resource Economics: A study of land and people  
F: A Study of Land and People cont.  
*Syllabus Quiz due 01-24-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 2: Jan 25-29 | M: Basic land economics concepts. *Project 1 details*  
W: Availability of land for economic use-Adequacy of our land resource base  
F: Factors affecting adequacy of land resource supplies (F2F)  
*Quiz due 01-31-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 3: Feb 1-5 | M: Importance of the fixed-location factor (F2F)  
W: Population trends and outlook (In-class assignment)  
F: *University closed* |
| Week 4: Feb 8-12 | M: *University closed*  
W: *University closed*  
F: Introduction to population pyramids (F2F)  
*Quiz due 02-14-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 5: Feb 15-19 | M: *University closed*  
W: *University closed*  
F: *University closed* |
| Week 6: Feb 22-26 | M: Navigating U.S Census data to construct population pyramids  
W: *Exam 1 (F2F)*  
F: Interpreting population pyramids; *Project 1 due*  
*Quiz due 2-28-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 7: Mar 1-5 | M: Historical land use in Texas  
W: Risks associated with land ownership  
F: Risk analysis; Exit strategies (F2F)  
*Quiz due 3-07-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 8: Mar 8-12 | M: Historical land markets trends  
W: Characteristics of Texas land market regions (F2F)  
F: Market prices relative to size and price of a property  
*Quiz due 3-14-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 9: Mar 15-19 | M: Risks to avoid in land acquisitions  
W: Useful sources for property searches (F2F)  
F: Factors for buying rural properties; In-class activity  
*Quiz due 3-21-2021 by 11:59 pm* |
| Week 10: Mar 22-26 | M: *Mid-Term Exam (F2F)*  
W: Evaluating the physical attributes of land; topographic maps (Founders Day/ Honors Convocation)  
F: Map resources: Web Soil Surveys, Farm Service Agency; *Project 2 details*  
*Quiz due 3-29-2021 by 9:10 am* |
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| Week 11: Mar 29- Apr 2 | **M:** Economic trends: Land value; Factors that affect land value  
**W:** Economic trends cont.; **Guest Speaker (F2F)**  
**F:** Good Friday (No Class)  
*Quiz due 4-5-2021 by 9:10 am* |
| Week 12: April 5-9 | **M:** Identifying legal rights: Verifying ownership  
**W:** The Environmental Impact of Rural Land Uses  
**F:** Exam 3 Review; In-class activity (F2F)  
*Quiz due 4-12-2021 by 9:10 am* |
| Week 13: April 12-16 | **M:** Exam 3 (F2F)  
**W:** Water and Oil on the Land  
**F:** Group project collaboration: Group research activity (F2F)  
*Quiz due 4-19-2021 by 9:10 am* |
| Week 14: April 19-23 | **M:** Development Water Supplies  
**W:** Oil and Gas; Oil and Gas Production Checklist  
**F:** Group project collaboration (F2F)  
*Quiz due 4-26-2021 by 9:10 am* |
| Week 15: April 26-30 | **M:** Property tax measures; Easements  
**W:** Environmental incentives (F2F)  
**F:** Management of new land  
*Quiz due 5-3-2021 by 9:10 am* |
| Week 16: May 3-7 | **M:** Project Presentations (F2F)  
**W:** Project Presentations; group collaborations (F2F)  
**F:** Final Exam Review; In-class activity; *Project 2 Due* |
| Week 17 May 10-14 | **Final examination period according to University schedule** |