

AGRON/ECON 496: TRAVEL COURSE

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, BUSINESS, AND TRADE IN SPAIN

GRADING

Individuals participating in this course will receive 3 credits (2 Econ, 1 Agron or 2 Agron, 1 Econ). These credits will be on a graded basis, coordinated between the three instructors of the course.

The grade will be assigned as follows:

Percentage of
total grade

Grading area

- A. 15% Pre-trip Fact Sheet and Oral Summary. Each traveler will choose an area of interest and prepare a one-page (one side only) fact sheet **about Spain** on the topic to share with others. The fact sheet is due at the time of the oral presentation (your name should be on the fact sheet). Get your original to an instructor the day before your presentation to reproduce enough copies for the group, or bring enough copies for all. Each traveler also will present a brief oral summary of the topic (6-7 min with 1-2 min for questions-and-answers). Instructors will help with visuals if needed.

Participating in these pre-trip activities will better prepare you to maximize learning during the travel.

- B. 20% Positive Contribution and Participation. Your contribution to the positive-learning atmosphere is an **extremely important aspect** of the Ag Travel Course (and to the ultimate learning of all). Travelers must be considerate of others and not be disruptive. This grade will be determined by attendance and participation at pre-trip and post-trip meetings, participation in discussions at stops during the trip, oral reports during travel, conduct during non-group hours, compliance with trip rules and instructors and, in general, concern and courtesy shown to your fellow travelers. At times, this will be a challenge, especially when you are tired, not feeling well, or are having personality difficulties with others. Instructors will assess your positive contributions on the trip. **Please do your best to be a good representative for Iowa State University.**

- C. 50% Trip Report. This report will be a permanent record of your learning on the trip. It will reflect your learning on cultural, educational, and agricultural activities. It is a written record of observations made during the trip and should be an important record for your future use. Past reports often have required 30 pages or more of effort to adequately describe learning activities. The body will be the most extensive part of your report. See the accompanying page for additional information on the Trip Report.

- D. 15% Post-trip Fact Sheet and Oral Summary. After travel, each traveler will evaluate what was learned about the topical area. To help organize the information, a second fact sheet will be prepared to outline new findings and **compare conditions/resources found in the United States with those of Spain.** Each traveler also will present a brief oral summary of the comparisons (6-7 min, plus 1-2 min for questions-and-answers).

We want to stress that the Ag Travel Course is an educational opportunity. Get as much out of the trip as possible but remember that courtesy and consideration of others will be vital for the overall success of the trip by all.

It should be a GREAT trip!