

# AGEC 317: Economic Analysis for Agribusiness Management

Section 503/203, Spring 2020

Tuesday/Thursday, See Below for Time Slots

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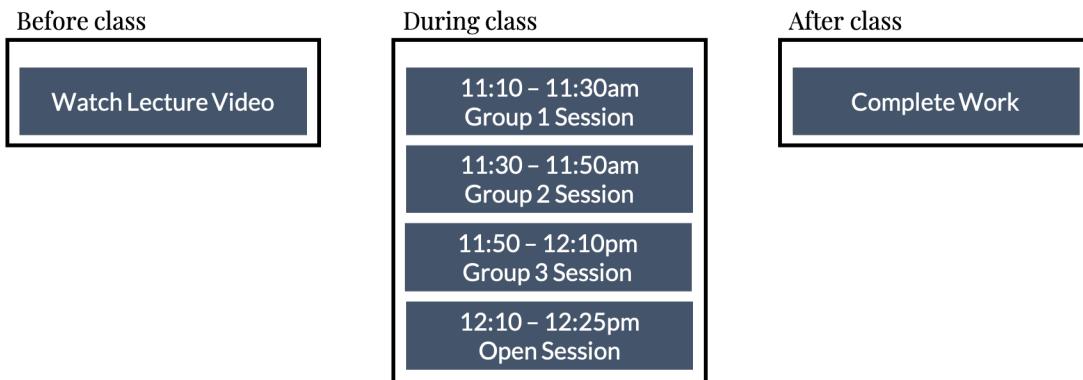
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## New Course Structure

Due to the precautions taken by Texas A&M University to slow the spread of COVID-19, AGEC 317 is moving to an online structure. We will no longer meet in-person, which affects how the class is going to be structured. Instead of traditional lectures, we will be using a combination of instructional videos and smaller group sessions on Zoom. If you haven't already, you should [download Zoom here](#). So how is this going to work?

1. **BEFORE** each virtual class period, you must watch the lecture video. These videos will be shorter than 20 minutes, but will contain all the essential information for that lecture. During the virtual class section, we will work through an example, so it is very important that you watch the lecture video before we begin.
2. **DURING** our normal class period, we will split up into three groups. I will notify you of your group number. You will log onto Zoom only during your group's session time, and we will work through an example together in 15 minutes. At the end of each class period, there is an open session where anyone can log on to ask additional questions.



## Course YouTube Channel

I will be posting video links on eCampus, but you can access the YouTube videos directly from [here](#).

# Course Website

All information is still on [eCampus](#).

## Group Numbers

You are split into groups based on your last name:

- **A-G:** Group 1
- **H-P:** Group 2
- **R-Z:** Group 3

## Office Hours

Office hours will now be held virtually over Zoom, but will still be one-on-one sessions. I will send out a survey at the beginning of each week, where you can reserve a 15-minute slot during my normally scheduled office hours.

## Course Schedule

Class date	Topic
March 10	<i>Spring Break</i>
March 12	<i>Spring Break</i>
March 17	<i>No class</i>
March 19	<i>No class</i>
March 24	Review
March 26	<b>Exam 1, PS5 Due</b>
March 31	Applied production economics
April 2	Applied production economics
April 7	Applied demand analysis, <b>PS6 Due</b>
April 9	Applied demand analysis
April 14	Personal finance and forecasting, <b>PS7 Due</b>
April 16	Personal finance and forecasting
April 21	Review
April 23	<b>Exam 2, PS8 Due</b>

## Zoom Etiquette

When you log onto Zoom for a class session, please be sure to **mute your microphone and turn off your camera**. I will be screen-sharing, so none of us need to see each other, and if everyone is muted we can focus on the exercise. If you want to ask a question, unmute yourself, interrupt me, and then re-mute yourself after your question.

**Other than above, the class will remain unchanged**

## Special note

This special circumstance is a big inconvenience to us all, and the University has assumed that you have access to strong, reliable internet. If you don't, please let me know and we can discuss how to work around your unique circumstances.