I. ISSUES WITH SPRING 2015 STUDENT SCHEDULES

As I was looking at Spring 2015 student schedules, I noticed several with course selections I would like to comment on:

*STAT 211 will NOT be accepted as a substitute for STAT 303 or STAT 302 or STAT 301 or SCMT 303.
*PHIL 240 will NOT be accepted as a substitute for MATH 141 or MATH 142
*If you would please look at the curriculum sheet that was given to you at your new student conference or go to your HOWDY Portal and select the General Student Information link scrolling down until you see Catalog Term to determine which catalog you are in, then take note:

**If your catalog says Fall 2014 and you are an Agribusiness major then you do NOT have to take a Social/Behavioral Science courses (e.g. Psychology, Sociology, specific Anthropology)
**If your catalog says Fall 2013 or older and you are an Agribusiness major then you must take a Social/Behavioral science course (e.g. Psychology, Sociology, specific Anthropology)
**Unless you REALLY do not have another choice, taking ECON 202 and ECON 203 together is not a good idea.
**Taking ACCT 209, ECON 202 and MATH 141 or MATH 142 together is not a good idea, particularly if you are not an academically strong (>3.0) student.
**Taking MATH 141 or MATH 142 with ACCT 229 or ACCT 230 and MGMT 211 is not a good idea, particularly if you are not an academically strong (>3.0) student.
**Taking ACCT 229 or ACCT 230 with ECON 202 or 203 and MATH 141 or MATH 142 is not a good idea, particularly if you are not an academically strong (>3.0) student.

II. AGRIBUSINESS MAJORS

Remember, you cannot take ANY upper-level business course (FINC 341, MKTG 321, MGMT 363, SCMT 303) unless you have completed at least 60 hours AND have completed ALL of the following courses: ACCT 229, ACCT 230, MATH 141, MATH 142, ECON 202, ECON 203, MGMT 211, and AGEC 217.

III. VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY RULES REGARDING REGISTERING FOR COURSES:

Remember, it is a violation of University Student Rule 1.5.1 for a student to be taking a schedule of courses that does not follow the program of study for the degree in which they are enrolled. For example, if you are an Agricultural Economics majors and we see a schedule of pretty much all Animal Science courses, you are violating this student rule because it looks like you are wanting to be an Animal Science major. A student who fails to register for a schedule of courses that lead to their current degree can, be held from registration, removed from the inappropriate course(s) and/or required to register for a prescribed schedule of courses.
IV. **DIPLOMAS:** There is a rumor going around that the college you are in is listed on your diploma - this is not true. Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics majors are working toward a Bachelor of Science degree. Your diploma will say you are receiving a Bachelor of Science degree from Texas A&M University and in smaller letters on the lower left side it will say either Agribusiness or Agricultural Economics. A college (College of Agriculture and Life Science, College of Liberal Arts, Mays Business School, etc.) is NOT indicated on the diploma. An example is pictured here (I couldn’t find one that says Bachelor of Science – sorry!)

V. **SUMMER 2015 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** East Wildlife Foundation Summer internship, based at San Antonio Viejo Ranch (45 minutes south of Hebbronville); work on EWF properties throughout South Texas. The manager of this Ranch graduate from this Department. **Last Date to apply is February 27, 2015.** The Internship will begin in May 2015. Salary is $10 per hour, you housing is provided. **Applicant should know both cattle and wildlife.**

**Description:** This internship will be broad and comprehensive, equipping the successful applicant(s) with skills and experience in all facets of the EWF, including Programs, Field Operations, Ranch Operations, and Administration. The EWF intern(s) can expect to assist with the research, education, and outreach program; management of facilities, infrastructure, security, and service; cattle inventory, gathering, and rotations; and in administrative processes.

**Qualifications:** Juniors, seniors, or recent graduates in Wildlife/Ranch Management/Natural Resources/Animal Science or related degree programs are encouraged to apply. Ideal candidate will be an honest, self-motivated person with a strong work ethic and a ranching background. Applicants should possess strong people skills, leadership qualities, and communication ability. This position will require working long hours in adverse conditions. This position will require lifting objects greater than 50 lbs. Successful candidates must maintain a valid driver license. Applicants are subjected to background checks. Applicants must be able to use software such as Outlook, Excel, Word, and PowerPoint, in addition to basic computer skills.

The start and end dates are flexible and EWF will assist successful applicant in any way to receive university credit for the summer term(s).

**To Apply:** Please send the following documents to cpavlicek@eastfoundation.net with “Internship” in the subject line:
- A 1–2 page statement of interest – describe your background, pertinent experiences and interests, accomplishments, and how this internship will benefit you.
- Full resume – include all skills and proficiencies, volunteer experience, and/or other accomplishments.
- Two letters of recommendation – Letters may be emailed from the applicant or the person providing the recommendation letter.
- A copy of your current college transcript. Applicants may submit an unofficial copy.

**Contact Person:** Cindy Pavlicek, Manager of HR  
**Contact Phone:** 361-826-5870  
**Contact E-mail:** cpavlicek@eastfoundation.net  
**Website:** www.eastfoundation.net

VI. **THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 1, 2015.** Go to [http://scholarships.tamu.edu/Apply-for-Scholarships](http://scholarships.tamu.edu/Apply-for-Scholarships) and select the Continuing Students link. With this one application you are considered for University scholarship money, College of Agriculture and Life Science money AND the Department of Agricultural Economics scholarship money. Don’t say you don’t have a chance, you don’t know what the pool of applicants looks like. Give yourself a chance! You should have at least a 2.75 to be a viable candidate!

VII. **GRADES OF D:** Grades of D are passing in all TAMU courses; therefore, we accept the D and the student that earns the D receives credit for the course. No, with that said, if you are an AGEC major that D causes your Major GPR (your major GPR is calculated on
all AGEC courses completed at TAMU) and/or your CUMULATIVE GPR to fall below a 2.0 then you have problems. (See attached copy of our Probation/Dismissal Policy.) If you are agribusiness major and that D causes your Common Body of Knowledge (CBK), Major, and/or Cumulative GPRs to fall below a 2.0 then you have problems. (See attached copy of our Probation/Dismissal Policy.) Also see attached list of CBK courses and major courses for Agribusiness majors. In short, you do not have to have a “C” or better in each course, but you do have to have at least a “C” AVERAGE in all areas.

VIII. TAMU MAROON COATS: Who We Are: Maroon Coats are student leaders from across campus involved in a diverse range of activities and pursuing various educational disciplines. We are students that love Texas A&M University and have a story to tell about our experiences at this unmatched institution.

Mission: The Maroon Coats enhance the impact of the Texas A&M Foundation through ambassadorship, stewardship and selfless service. We do this by thanking donors for their gifts and interacting with them at Foundation-sponsored events. We also provide a student perspective during fundraising meetings and host donors or friends of the Foundation on campus visits.

Please go to http://txamfoundation.com/s/1436/gid3give/2014/index.aspx?sid=1436&gid=3&verbiagebuilder=1&pgid=2280 for more information about the Maroon Coats such as responsibilities and the online application. The application deadline is January 28, 2015.

IX. TEXAS B-ON-TIME (BOT) LOANS: The Texas B-On-Time Loan program is a ZERO-interest loan. TAMU’s financial aid office will determine if you are eligible. If this loan is offered to you, the financial aid office will instruct you to complete an application and promissory note online.

Eligibility Requirements: Applicants must:
- Be a Texas resident or be entitled to pay resident tuition rates as a dependent child of a member of the U. S. armed forces; and
- Meet one of the following academic requirements:
  - Have graduated in the 2002-2003 academic year or later from a high school operated by the U. S. Department of Defence OR from a public or private high school in Texas under the recommended high school program, or its equivalent; OR
  - Have earned an associate’s degree from an eligible institution no earlier than May 1, 2005.
- Not have been granted a baccalaureate degree;
- Be enrolled full time in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at an eligible institution;
- Have completed a fafsa and be eligible to receive federal financial aid.

For more information including Annual Loan Amounts, Renewal Eligibility, Repayment, and Forgiveness Requirements, please go to http://www.hhloans.com/index.cfm?objectid=b00c090d-e45d-4f4b-89da195959930185. TAMU’s Scholarship & Financial Aid Office is located on the 2nd Floor of the Pavilion and their phone number is 979-845-3236.

Please remember our offices will be closed from December 24th through January 2nd. We will return to work on Monday, January 5th.

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Over the holidays, please make time just to sit and visit with friends and relatives. Life is so short you don’t want to miss an opportunity to just visit. Put away the cell phone, video games, etc. and just talk. I bet some of your older relatives have some funny stories to share including ones about your parents! 😊

Aggie Bowl Trivia: True or False - Has TAMU ever played in the Liberty Bowl prior to the upcoming 2014 Liberty Bowl game? The answer is True. The Aggies played in the 1975 Liberty Bowl against USC and lost 20 to 0. 😋

If you are travelling to Memphis, TN for this year’s Liberty Bowl, please yell loud enough for me too!!!!!

Best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!

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