Faculty are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Collegewide Curriculum Committee.

DEPT.  Farm Business Management  COURSE NO.  FBMT 2263

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 2

COURSE TITLE: Evaluating Farm System Programs

CATALOG DESCRIPTION: This course develops an awareness of individuals and agencies, both public and private, which have expertise available to assist the farm operator to solve farm systems problems. It enables study and application of farm business evaluation concepts and exploration of possible implications. Exact subject matter and time spent per topic will vary depending on student need, location, and time.

AUDIENCE: Farm business operators or managers or others with consent of instructor.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S): (Leave blank if not applicable)

PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: None

LENGTH OF COURSE: 1 Semester

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
 Every other year ☐ fall ☐ spring ☐ summer ☐ undetermined ☒

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT:

2) THINKING SKILLS:
   a. Evaluate goals and farm business trends
   b. Critique revised plan
   c. Analyze strengths and weakness of the manager
   d. Select experts and consultants
   e. Prioritize a plan of action
   f. Select revised plan
   g. Evaluate plan

3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS:

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY:
TOPICS TO BE COVERED:  Goals and farm business trends; revised plan; strengths and weaknesses of the manager; selection of experts and consultants; plan of action; and plan evaluation.

LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES:  Selection of professional specialists by students actively engaged in the operation and management of a farm business.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:

☐ Collaborative Learning  ☐ Problem Solving
☐ Student Presentations  ☐ Interactive Lectures
☐ Creative Projects  ☐ Individual Coaching
☐ Lecture  ☐ Films/Videos/Slides
☐ Demonstrations  ☒ Other (describe below)
☐ Lab

This course will be delivered through individual instructional sessions, small group seminars, classroom instruction, or any combination of these.

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:

☐ Reading  ☐ Tests  ☐ Individual Projects
☐ Oral Presentations  ☐ Worksheets  ☐ Collaborative Projects
☐ Textbook Problems  ☐ Papers  ☐ Portfolio
☐ Group Problems  ☐ Term Paper
☒ Other (describe below)

TEXT:  Farm Business Management summary report and handouts.

Each student will contribute a total of 54 hours of effort per credit toward the completion of this course. Instructor will use Farm Business Management Student Assessment Form.

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:  Students will be evaluated on their ability to:

1) Assemble a team of specialists
2) Through consultation, prioritize an action plan
3) Assimilate the plan into their farm system

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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To receive reasonable accommodations for a documented disability, please contact the campus Student Services Advisor or campus Disability Coordinator as arrangements must be made in advance. In addition, students are encouraged to notify their instructor.

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