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New Course Request

SDSU	College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
Institution	Division/Department
Dennis D. Hedge	2/3/2025
Institutional Approval Signature	Date

Section 1. Course Title and Description

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
AFES 750	Capstone Experience	4

Course Description
This course will allow students to utilize their domestic and international agricultural travel experiences to focus on global agricultural issues facing the agricultural industry, the factors that contribute to the problem, and potential solutions that could be implemented to improve world-wide agriculture and food production, sustainability and environmental protection.

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-Req/Co-Req?
None		

Registration Restrictions

None

Section 2. Review of Course

2.1. Will this be a unique or common course?

Unique Course

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
GE 750	Capstone	1
	Varies	

Provide explanation of differences between proposed course and existing system catalog courses below:

Currently a capstone course does not exist to address the needs of the M.S. in Global Agricultural Leadership. Capstone courses need to be discipline specific to ensure that students can apply specialized knowledge and skills within the context of their chosen field, effectively demonstrating their expertise and readiness for professional practice. An essential part of the master's program in Global Agricultural Leadership is a capstone experience which has the students working on teams solving problems with actual stakeholders (farmers, ranchers, agri-businesses, and/or policy) in a systems approach. It also ties in leadership, teamwork, acquiring and presenting data, and predicting the impact of local, national, and international events on their recommendations.

Section 3. Other Course Information

3.1. Are there instructional staffing impacts?

No. Schedule Management, explain below: Workload is available to offer this course.

3.2. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered: Global Agricultural Leadership (M.S.)

3.3. Proposed instructional method by university (as defined by [AAC Guideline 2.4.3.A](#)): R - Lecture

3.4. Proposed delivery method by university (as defined by [AAC Guideline 2.4.3.B](#) and [2.4.3.B\(A-1\)](#)): 001-Face to Face

3.5. Term change will be effective: fall 2025

3.6. Can students repeat the course for additional credit? Yes, total credit limit: No

3.7. Will grade for this course be limited to S/U (pass/fail)? Yes No

3.8. Will section enrollment be capped? Yes, max per section: No

3.9. Will this course equate (i.e., be considered the same course for degree completion) with any other unique or common courses in the common course system database in Colleague and the Course Inventory Report? Yes No

3.10. Is this prefix approved for your university? Yes No

Section 4. Department and Course Codes (Completed by University Academic Affairs)

4.1. University Department: College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

4.2. Banner Department Code: SCAF

4.3. Proposed CIP Code: 01.0000

Is this a new CIP code for the university? Yes No

NEW COURSE REQUEST

Supporting Justification for On-Campus Review

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Request Originator	Signature	Date
<u>James Connors</u>	<u>James Connors</u>	<u>12/18/2024</u>
Department Chair	Signature	Date
<u>James Connors</u>	<u>James Connors</u>	<u>12/18/2024</u>
School/College Dean	Signature	Date

1. Provide specific reasons for the proposal of this course and explain how the changes enhance the curriculum.

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2. Note whether this course is: Required Elective

3. In addition to the major/program in which this course is offered, what other majors/programs will be affected by this course?

None.

4. If this will be a dual listed course, indicate how the distinction between the two levels will be made.

N/A

5. Desired section size 20

6. Provide qualifications of faculty who will teach this course. List name(s), rank(s), and degree(s).

Bob Thaler, Distinguished Professor, Ph.D.

7. Note whether adequate facilities are available and list any special equipment needed for the course.

There are adequate facilities within the College of Agriculture, Food, & Environmental Sciences to teach this class, and no special equipment besides what's available in a normal classroom is needed.

8. Note whether adequate library and media support are available for the course.

There is adequate library and media support available for this class.

9. Will the new course duplicate courses currently being offered on this campus? Yes No

10. If this course may be offered for variable credit, explain how the amount of credit at each offering is to be determined.

N/A