Introductory Livestock Anatomy and Physiology
ANSC 2360.001
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By appointment only
Lecture: TR 9:30 am – 10:45 am
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Text: Course Note Packet (Brightspace)
Anatomy and Physiology of Farm Animals, 7th edition (not required)

Description: Introductory study into the anatomy and physiology of domestic livestock and poultry. An overview of the major physiological systems of mammalian and avian species as they pertain to growth, reproduction and maintenance of life.

Program Learner Outcomes:

1. Empirical & Quantitative Analysis - The student will exhibit problem solving skills based on empirical & quantitative analytical reasoning.
2. Communication Skills - The student will demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills.
3. Technical Competence - The student will demonstrate competence of technical subject matter areas in agriculture including plant and animal sciences, agricultural economics, mechanized agriculture and agricultural education.

Grading Policy:

3 Major Exams .................. 300 pts. A = 850 - 765
Comprehensive Final Exam ...... 100 pts. B = 764 - 680
Weekly Quizzes (10 @ 25 pt.)... 250 pts. C = 679 - 595
Outside Assignments ............. 200 pts. D = 594 - 510
Total pts ................................ 850 pts.
Major Exams & Comprehensive Final Exam:
All exams will to closed book and the final exam will be comprehensive. Each major exam will consist of a series of exam questions related to the information discussed in lecture from the identified sections outlined under “Tentative Lecture Outline” (see below). Exams will be comprised from a variety of listing, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, and labeling questions. If you know in advance that you are going to miss an exam, please let me know as soon as possible. In case of an emergency, you or someone you know should contact me as soon as possible (refer to the top for contact info.). Only excusable absences or legitimate excuses (per University Policy 6.7) will allow you to make up the missed exam. The validity of the excuse will be determined by the instructor before the makeup exam will be scheduled. **All make up exams will be made up within three days of the missed exam date.**

The final exam is scheduled for **Thursday, December 14th from 8:00-10:00am.**

Weekly Quizzes:
Weekly quizzes will be given **on Thursdays** over material covered during lectures from the previous week. Each quiz will be worth 25 points. Quizzes will be given during the first five minutes of class on Thursdays (unless otherwise noted). Only excusable absences or legitimate excuses will allow you to make up any missed quizzes.

Outside Assignments:
You will be required to complete four outside assignments during the semester. Each assignment will be worth 50 points each. You will receive more information about these assignments when they are assigned.

Academic Integrity:
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as, abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

SFA Ag Department Attendance and Punctuality Policy (reference university policy, 6.7):
Attendance and punctuality are core skills to have as an engaged student and for a successful career. Therefore, all agriculture faculty have adopted the following policy for unexcused absences.

- Miss one lecture OR lab period, no letter grade reduction
- Miss two lecture OR lab periods, drop one letter grade
- Miss three lecture OR lab periods, fail the course
For reference, below are examples of excused absences.
1.) Approved University activities (require documentation from sponsor and advanced notice)
2.) Death or major illness of an immediate family member (requires documentation and notice as soon as possible)
3.) Major illness of yourself (requires a doctor’s note).
Students missing classes, other than for university-sponsored trips, should contact the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) and request that an absence notification be sent to the instructor(s). The notification is not an excuse, and is not evaluated by OSRR. The notification is only provided as a courtesy to the student and the student's instructor(s).
If you miss class for any other reason and feel your absence should be excused, you must provide the instructor with a typed memo explaining why the absence should be excused and provide appropriate documentation. This memo must be provided within one week of the absence. All other absences are considered unexcused. The department policy does not supersede the university attendance policy 6.7.

**Punctuality Policy:**
All faculty take attendance at the beginning of their classes. Tardy attendance will be counted as unexcused absences at the discretion of the professor.

**Academic Integrity (4.1)**

The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any
provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another student academically or financially.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (5.5)**

Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the coursework because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to [https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf](https://www.sfasu.edu/policies/course-grades-5.5.pdf).

**Students with Disabilities**

To obtain disability-related accommodations, alternate formats, and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services promptly may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to [http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/](http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/).

**Student Wellness and Well-Being**

SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

**On-campus Resources:**
**The Dean of Students Office** (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
[www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents](http://www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents)
936.468.7249
dos@sfasu.edu
The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.

To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:

- Health Services
- Counseling Services
- Student Outreach and Support
- Food Pantry
- Wellness Coaching
- Alcohol and Other Drug Education

Crisis Resources:
- Burke 24-hour crisis line: 1.800.392.8343
- National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1.800.273.TALK (8255)
- Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741
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