

Animal Science 1124
Introduction to Animal Science
Spring, 2009

Instructor: Dr. Mark Z. Johnson
109 Animal Science
Office: 744 – 6065
mark.johnson@okstate.edu
Office hours: M, W, & F 10:30 – noon, and Mon 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Teaching Assistant: Casey McMurphy
203 Animal Science
Office: 744 - 8845
casey.mcmurphy@okstate.edu

Text: Taylor, Robert E. and Thomas G. Field, Scientific Farm Animal Production, Eighth Edition.

Objectives: When students complete this course they should be able to:

- 1) define the terminology presented in this course and use the vocabulary spoken in animal agriculture.
- 2) explain the role of animals in agriculture; how and why species have been and are humanely utilized by man.
- 3) explain the concept that “productive animals are healthy animals”
- 4) describe, in writing, the similarities and differences between the Swine, Poultry, Horse, Dairy, Beef and Sheep industries.
- 5) describe the disciplines of Animal Science study.
- 6) relate the facts presented in this course to the future of animal agriculture.
- 7) understand the importance of animal agriculture to our state and national economy.

Procedure: Reading assignments will be given from the textbook which will correspond with lecture notes. Lecture material will correspond to the specie and topic being covered and will supplement reading material. Class notes will be presented on the chalk board. Labs are designed to familiarize you with what goes on in the Department of Animal Science and expose you to the laboratories, test stations, purebred livestock units, etc.; where Animal Science staff and faculty apply the principles which you are being introduced to in this course.

Student Conduct and Attendance: Students are at all times expected to behave with maturity and professionalism. To show respect for their classmates and teachers, and behave in a manner that facilitates learning. Attendance is optional; however, there will be pop quizzes given anytime in lecture or labs that it looks like over 15% of the class is absent. There will be from zero to 50 pop quizzes given during the semester and there are no excuses for missing quizzes.

Tests and Quizzes: Attendance, taking good notes, reading handouts and your text book, and studying outside of class are all imperative to your success in this course. You will need Scantron forms for tests. Quizzes will be given, unannounced, at any time during lectures or labs. Quizzes will comprise 10% of your final grade. Seven exams will comprise the other 90% of your final grade. The six exams given during the semester will cover only the material of that section. The final exam (exam 7) is comprehensive. The final is scheduled at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 4th.

Make-ups: It is not possible to make-up lab sessions or quizzes. Making up exams is not possible unless you have an excused absence. Excused exam absences will be made up taking a common comprehensive make-up exam that will be given at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8th. Excused absences include:

- 1) Absence for a University-sponsored field trip or activity (must be verified by a note from the Professor responsible for the trip/activity).
- 2) Absence for a death or serious illness in the immediate family.
- 3) Absence resulting from personal illness (must be verified by a letter of explanation from the hospital on official letterhead).

Excused absences from exams are completely the responsibility of the student. Any work missed for other reasons will not be excused and a grade of zero will be recorded.

A common comprehensive make-up exam will be given at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8th.

Grades: Students semester average will be calculated using the following percentages:
(Average Quiz % * .10) + (Average Exam % * .90)

Final Grades will be assigned on a scale of:

90.0% or more=	A
80.0% to 89.9%	= B
70.0% to 79.9%	= C
60.0% to 69.9%	= D
59.9% or less	= F

All quizzes (except attendance quizzes) and tests can be picked up in class. It is each student's responsibility to pick up their returned, graded work which can be used to calculate their class grade at any time. The lab on April 30th will be used to check and verify each student's excused test absences and grades.

Academic Dishonesty: Students should demonstrate complete integrity at all times. Plagiarism and cheating are serious offenses and may be punished by failure on the quiz or exam, failure in the course and/or expulsion from the university. For further information, see the pamphlet available in 101 Whitehurst.

Test Dates, Checking Scantrons & Picking Up Tests: Test Dates are as follows: Exam I, Friday, January 30; Exam II, Friday, February 20; Exam III, Friday, March 6; Exam IV, Friday, March 27; Exam V, Friday, April 10; Exam VI, Friday, April 24. The Monday following each of the six semester exams student scantrons can be picked up and checked to verify correct grading according to a key that will be posted for the scantron portion of the test. This is the **only** time students can ask for regrades of the scantron form. In the case of a scantron being graded incorrectly, students should write the numbers of questions to be regraded beside their name on the scantron and return it to the instructor after class. The regrades will be verified against the hard copy of the students exam. The graded tests will be available to pick up during lecture the Wednesday or Friday immediately following the exam and picking up graded exams are completely the responsibility of the student.

Final: Monday, May 4th at 8:00 am

Map: The attached map is provided to help you find the locations of where 1124 labs will meet this semester.