

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE</b> <b>ANSI 2253: MEAT ANIMAL AND CARCASS EVALUATION</b> <b>COURSE SYLLABUS</b></p>
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**INSTRUCTOR:** Deb VanOverbeke (Fall); Gretchen Hilton (Spring)

**Lab Instructors:**

**PREREQUISITE:** ANSI 1124

**Recommended Text:**

*Meat Evaluation Handbook*. 2001. The American Meat Science Association

**DESCRIPTION:** Evaluation of carcasses and wholesale cuts of beef, pork and lamb; factors influencing grades, yields and values in slaughter cattle, swine and sheep; meat quality; and general principles of meat science.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. To impart knowledge for assessing value differences among slaughter livestock and their carcasses.
2. To relate breeding, feeding, selection and management to changes in the ultimate composition of meat animal products.
3. To understand the factors that influence meat quality.
4. To gain insight into the value determination of meat animals.
5. To develop an appreciation for the scientific principles of meat science.

**COURSE LOCATION:**

The location for the lectures on Monday and Wednesday for this course is 123 Animal Science. However, on live animal evaluation days, class will meet at the Livestock Arena just west of campus on McElroy. Vans will be provided to shuttle you out to the arena if transportation is needed and will leave from the west side of Animal Science (back of the building in the parking lot) 5 minutes prior to the start of class. Labs will typically meet in 201 FAPC, however on a few occasions, as noted on your syllabus, will meet in 125 ANSI.

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Due to the variability in my travel schedule, I will maintain an open door policy throughout the semester meaning that if my door is open and if I am in my office I will be happy to assist you. If you are in a situation where you need to see me and I am traveling, either schedule an appointment with me via voice mail or email; I will return your call/email as soon as possible.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING SCALE:

Your grade in this course will be based on the points accumulated on the quizzes, homework, attendance at evaluation classes and labs, major exams, and the final examination. In the event that the professor determines that an examination, quiz, worksheet or judging class is defective, the grading scale may be lowered for the entire class. However, the grading scale will not be raised under any circumstances. There are no preconceived quotas for the distribution of letter grades in this course.

You will be responsible for all material covered in class and any assigned work to the point of each major examination. **Quizzes are unannounced and given approximately once per week during lectures.** Live animal evaluations (judging classes) that occur at the arena will be part of your quiz grade – attendance will be taken at the arena. Finally, the final exam will be comprehensive in the scope of its coverage.

### Final Grade Calculation:

Major Exam I	15%
Major Exam II	15%
Major Exam III	15%
Comprehensive Final Exam	20%
Quizzes, assignments, lab, judging classes	35%
<hr/> TOTAL	<hr/> 100%

The grading scale will be:

90 or 100%	=	A
80 to 89%	=	B
70 to 79%	=	C
60 to 69%	=	D
59% or less	=	F

### MAKE-UP:

There will be no make-up quizzes or judging classes. Because meat is a perishable and expensive product, we do not have the luxury of keeping the product available for prolonged periods of time. If you miss a quiz or class and there is a valid reason for your absence, a score will be computed on the basis of the percentage of points you have earned on all quizzes prior to the final examination. If you do not have a valid reason for missing the quiz, there will be no credit awarded for the class and/or quiz. If you know you are going to miss class for a field trip, judging contest or other school related activity, it is to your advantage to inform the professor of that prior to the missed class periods.

Homework, worksheets and laboratory exercises are due at the beginning of class on the due date indicated. Worksheets and exercises will be accepted late, however, for each working day the assignment is late 10 percentage points will be lost (1 day late=-10%, 2 days late=-20%, etc.). As such, assignments turned in that are more than 10 days late will automatically receive a zero.

Make-up exams will not be offered unless there are extenuating circumstances brought to the attention of the professor **prior** to missing the exam. The make-up exam must be taken within

one week of the regularly scheduled date and time. Students that miss an examination without a valid reason will not be allowed to make up the exam.

Students missing the final examination who notify the professor of the reasons for their absence by 4:30 pm on the day of the scheduled final exam in the course will receive a grade of "I" (incomplete) for the course and will be expected to take a make-up final exam at a time arranged with the professor (not later than the end of the first week of classes of the following semester). If the reason for the absence is not valid, there will be a 25-percentage point penalty. Students who are absent from the final exam and who do not notify the professor of the reason for their absence by 4:30 pm on the day of the examination will receive a score of zero for the final exam.

If you have questions or concerns regarding homework, quizzes, assignments or exams, you must talk to the professor (not the teaching assistants) in person (not via e-mail) regarding the particular situation.

### **EXTRA CREDIT:**

In past semesters, extra credit has been offered to students who desire to participate. If extra credit is offered this semester, an announcement will be made in lecture outlining what must be done to earn the extra points. **Under NO circumstances will extra credit assignments be accepted after the deadline....these are an opportunity for you, as a student, to demonstrate your ability to complete the assignment and your responsibility to turn the assignment in on time.**

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

**Attendance is mandatory.** Attendance will be monitored in numerous ways and recorded throughout the semester. Class attendance is viewed as an individual's responsibility and reflection of maturity. The only absences that will be excused are:

- 1) Absence for a University-approved field trip or activity,
- 2) Absence for a death or serious illness in the immediate family,
- 3) Absence resulting from personal illness which are documented (signed note) by a physician or accompanied with a hospital receipt, and
- 4) Absences resulting from extenuating circumstances not covered above, but discussed with the professor **prior to the absence.**

Vacation plans, oversleeping, illness not sufficient to require medical attention, social activities (including fraternity, sorority, and residence hall activities), etc., are not sufficient reasons to miss a scheduled quiz or examination.

### **SPECIAL FEE**

Notice: There will be a \$10.00 fee for consumable materials charged to your bursar's account for this class.

### **EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS**

Attendance, Participation, Willingness to Learn; Courteous; Interest; and Honesty

### **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

If any member of this class feels that he/she has a qualified disability and needs special accommodations, he/she should notify the instructor and request verification of eligibility for accommodations from the Office of Student Disability Services, 326 Student Union. Please advise

the instructor of such disability and the desired accommodations at some point before, during, or immediately after the first scheduled class period.

## **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY AND CONDUCT RULES**

The expectation for all students in this course is that complete integrity will be demonstrated at all times. The minimum penalty for an act of academic dishonesty will be a grade of zero on quizzes, judging classes, reasons or written exercises, and a thirty-percentage point penalty for exams. However, penalties may be more severe. Faculty regulations require notification of deans, advisors, etc., in the event of academic dishonesty. You should be aware that both taking and giving improper assistance during quizzes, exams, and written exercises constitutes academic dishonesty-even if the action appears to be passive in nature (such as not covering your paper when you know that someone is looking at it). If you are penalized for academic dishonesty, you may appeal to the Academic Appeals Board, 101 Whitehurst Hall, within 10 days after notification by the professor that a penalty has been imposed.