Course Syllabus
ANS 317 – Introduction to Animal Science
Fall Semester, 2015
TH 3:00- 4:50 AM. Dairy Lab

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Materials: TBD

Course Description:

Application of animal handling and management techniques for dairy, beef, sheep, swine and poultry.

This course will provide an overview and understanding of livestock management techniques including health, facilities, animal handling, nutrition and reproduction. Generally, lectures will occur at beginning of class and labs will follow or be the following scheduled class period. All labs will end with discussion and review.

Course Objectives:

The student should be able to apply principles and concepts to make management decisions. The course will present and explore options available to livestock producers in techniques and decision making. The students will gain experience different livestock management practices

Course Requirements

Attendance: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each lecture period in the form of a daily question where students will write down an answer to be turned in.
Correct answer = +1
Incorrect answer or excused absence = 0
No Answer = “unexcused absence” = -1.

Class begins at 3:00 PM. Be ready for class!

Be attentive in class without disruption. No tobacco, No cell phone use, please Respect your fellow classmates. Being late is a disruption!
Participation: This is a techniques class, participation is mandatory. As such the experience of those techniques will give the student the ability to understand the practice and apply decisions.

Quizzes will be given at the instructor’s discretion. They will cover class lecture, lab activities, and or homework assignments. An Excused Absence (instructor notified ahead of time or act of nature) will merit a makeup quiz.

Group presentations will be required and cover management practices and species not covered in class. These will address alternate management practices from international sources.

Safety

The inherent nature of animals indicates the chance of injury. Never put yourself or others in harm’s way and be mindful of developing dangers and act appropriately. Dress appropriately for the job, not to impress. Be prepared for weather and dirty conditions. No open toed shoes, high heels, lose fitting clothing or jewelry.

Methods of Evaluation and Grading.

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A= ≥90%, B= 80-90%, C=70-80%, D= 60-70%, F= <60%  Standard Grading Scale

Useful Websites for study or Research material.

- Noble Foundation Agriculture  [http://www.noble.org/ag/](http://www.noble.org/ag/)
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