

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
Sam Houston State University

Course Description and Syllabus

DEPARTMENT:	Agricultural Sciences												
COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:	WMGT 4369.01; Exotic Game Production												
SEMESTER:	Fall 2017												
LOCATION OF CLASS MEETING:	Pirkle Engineering and Technology Center, Room 300A												
CLASS MEETING TIME:	Thursday, 2:00-4:50 p.m.												
INSTRUCTOR:	Mr. Chris Stewart, Lecturer- Wildlife Management												
OFFICE LOCATION:	By appointment or after class												
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OFFICE HOURS:	By appointment or after class												
COURSE DESCRIPTION:	<p>This course covers the multi-faceted industry of exotic species in the state of Texas. The course is divided into two segments, the first will include identification of species, habitat and nutritional needs, holding facility design, regulation requirements and transportation of exotics. The second part of the course includes marketing of exotics, cost of production, genetics, estimating income and determining market value of animals</p>												
REFERENCE AND TEXTBOOK:	None												
ATTENDANCE POLICY:	<p>Regular and punctual class attendance is expected in this course. If a student misses an exam or other course work due to an <u>EXCUSED</u> absence, arrangements must be made <u>IN ADVANCE</u> with the instructor to complete the work or exam. Otherwise, make-up exams and coursework will be comprehensive and scheduled at the end of the semester.</p>												
EXAMS AND GRADING PLAN:	<p>The course will consist of four exams, a final project and short assignments or quizzes. Grades will be determined based upon the following point scale:</p> <table><tr><td>Exam I</td><td>100 pts</td></tr><tr><td>Exam II</td><td>100 pts</td></tr><tr><td>Exam III</td><td>100 pts</td></tr><tr><td>Exam IV</td><td>100 pts</td></tr><tr><td>Participation/Quizzes</td><td><u>100 pts</u></td></tr><tr><td></td><td>500 pts</td></tr></table> <p>Grade distributions will be based upon the following scale:</p> <p>A = 500 – 450 pts B = 449– 400 pts C = 399 - 350 pts D = 349 - 300 F = <299</p>	Exam I	100 pts	Exam II	100 pts	Exam III	100 pts	Exam IV	100 pts	Participation/Quizzes	<u>100 pts</u>		500 pts
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ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the professor and department chair.

The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Cheating **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Students caught cheating on an exam will be given a zero (0) for the exam or quiz grade and a letter will be written to the student's file.

CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT:

Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. **Cellular phones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. Should a student get caught texting during lecture they will be asked to leave the classroom, if caught while taking a test, it will be considered cheating and the student will receive a zero (0) for that exam. A student must dismiss themselves from the classroom if they need to receive an incoming or make a call.**

Students are prohibited from making offensive remarks, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engage in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY:

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure

that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS:

University policy states that a student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day shall be permitted to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. A student who wishes to be excused for a religious holy day must present the instructor with a written statement describing the holy day(s) and the travel involved. The instructor should provide the student with a written description of the deadline for the completion of missed exams and/or assignments.

USE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS:

Sam Houston State University is a tobacco free campus and all tobacco products are prohibited in all buildings and outdoor public areas on campus

COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Orientation and Introduction
 - A. Syllabus Overview
 - B. Safety Presentation
 - 1. Exotic deer handling general overview
 - 2. Exotic deer handling handouts
 - 3. Medication administration protocols and procedures
 - 4. Other safety precautions
 - C. Brief Overview of Exotic Game Industry
 - D. Course Design and Direction
- II. An in-depth Look at the Exotic Game Industry
 - A. History of Exotics in Texas
 - B. Economic Impact of Exotics in Texas
 - C. The Future of the Industry in Texas
- III. Species Identification
 - A. Bovid Species
 - B. Cervid Species
 - C. Equine Species
 - D. Other Species

- IV. Habitat and Nutritional Needs of Exotics
 - A. Ruminant species versus Monogastric species
 - B. Various habitat types needed by species
 - C. General Nutrition
 - D. Supplementing nutritional needs

***** EXAM I *****

- V. Cost of Nutrition supplements
 - A. Exploring supplementing methods
 - B. Necessary Equipment and supplies
 - C. Analysis of different supplements
 - D. Rules and Regulations
 - E. Estimating cost of supplementation
- VI. Immobilization and Transport of Exotics
 - A. Terminology
 - B. Equipment and Supplies
 - C. Available medications and appropriate use
 - D. Rules/Regulations/Precautions
- VI. Confinement Handling and Breeding Facilities
 - A. Terminology
 - B. Design of facilities
 - C. Field Visits to local facilities
 - D. Precautions/Problems

***** EXAM II *****

- VII. Genetics involved in Exotic production
 - A. Terminology
 - B. DNA (collection, submittal, etc)
 - C. Managing genetics
 - D. Personal/Market preferences
 - E. Estimating genetic potential in exotics
- VIII. Cost of confinement production
 - A. Factors involved
 - B. Species specific costs
 - C. Program goals
 - D. Estimating yearly costs

***** EXAM III *****

- IX. Real World Market Analysis
 - A. Terminology
 - B. Different markets
 - C. Price Analysis
 - D. Calculating sale prices

- X. Estimating annual income
 - A. Private treaty sales
 - B. Auction barns
 - C. Helicopter catch jobs
 - D. Small versus large number sales
 - E. Calculating % paid to trapper/game brokers

***** EXAM IV *****

This syllabus is subject to change depending on time constraints. Grades will be equally weighed upon the change or modification announced in class.