

**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**  
COURSE SYLLABUS  
Spring 2018

**DEPARTMENT:** Agricultural Sciences

**COURSE NUMBER/TITLE:** ANSC 2321: Livestock Selection and Evaluation

**INSTRUCTOR:**

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**REFERENCE TEXTS:**

None required  
**Additional course material will be added  
through blackboard**

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to accurately evaluate  
and describe livestock of various species for  
breeding and meat production.

<b>GRADING:</b>		<b><u>Points</u></b>
	Assignments	100
	Exams	200
	Final Exam	100
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>400</b>
	<b>**Total amount of points subject to change**</b>	

**COURSE OUTLINE:**

**Topics:**  
Introduction to Evaluation  
Livestock Improvement through Selection  
Selection and Evaluation of Cattle  
Selection and Evaluation of Swine  
Selection and Evaluation of Sheep & Goats  
Selection and Evaluation of Horses

**CLASS INFORMATION**

- Class activities, meeting locations, and assignments will be announced during class and through frequent e-mails.

**TESTS**

- Tests and quizzes will be given to track progress and understanding of materials covered. Dates will be set in class.

## **CLASSROOM POLICIES:**

### **Attendance:**

Regular and punctual class attendance is expected of each student enrolled in AGRI. The class roll will be checked each day. A written record of each student's attendance will be maintained. If a student is tardy to class, it is the student's responsibility to inform the instructor that he/she was tardy immediately after the class has been dismissed so that the absence can be removed from the student's record. It is the responsibility of each student who misses lecture material to obtain the class notes over the lecture from someone who was present during the lecture presentation. If a student misses a class due to an excused absence, it is the responsibility of the student to prepare a statement as to why the class was missed, the date of the missed class, and his/her name. This written information should be presented to the instructor who will place it in the class file. This statement should be presented to the instructor on the day the student returns to class after an absence. **If a student misses an exam due to an EXCUSED absence, arrangements must be made IN ADVANCE with the instructor to take the exam. Otherwise, a zero will be given for the exam grade. An UNEXCUSED absence will receive a zero.**

**Academic Honesty:** "The Faculty Handbook states that the University expects all students 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. Furthermore, 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." Students are expected to follow the code of academic honesty outlined in the publication, Student Guidelines, Academic Policy Statement 810213, 2006.

**Cheating WILL NOT be tolerated. Students caught cheating on an exam or other assignment will be given a zero (0) for the exam and a letter will be written to the student's file. Other disciplinary actions may also occur for cheating including but not limited to permanent removal from Sam Houston State University.**

**Proper Classroom Demeanor/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. Please turn off or mute your cellular phone and/or pager before class begins. **Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking among each other at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction.** Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a, minimally, a directive to leave class or being reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy." Students are expected to turn off their telephones while in class. The only exceptions should be students who have jobs that require them to be on call at all times (EMS personnel, some law enforcement personnel, etc.). Students who will possibly have telephone calls related to their jobs or personal emergencies should inform the instructor about this situation at the beginning of class. Students should respect the rights of all students to hear the lecture by not

opening and eating packages of food and beverages in a noisy fashion and by not talking to other students during the lecture.

### **USE OF TELEPHONES AND TEXT MESSAGERS IN ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES**

Telephones and similar devices have become increasingly a part of everyday life. In the academic classroom, however, during class these devices can be a serious distraction and during tests they can be a serious problem. The technology is constantly changing and evolving. So, the present policy does not specify particular devices or device types. Rather, the policy applies to any device that performs the function of a telephone or text messenger.

- 1.0 Each course syllabus must contain a policy statement as to the disposition of telephones and text messengers (1) in the classroom, (2) during testing periods, and (3) for emergency considerations.
- 2.0 The use by students of electronic devices that perform the function of a telephone or text messenger during class-time may be prohibited if deemed disruptive by the instructor to the conduct of the class. Arrangements for handling potential emergency situations may be granted at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to comply with the instructor's policy could result in expulsion from the classroom or with multiple offenses, failure of the course.
- 3.0 Any use of a telephone or text messenger or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty (see student code of conduct <http://www.shsu.edu/students/guide/StudentGuidelines2010-2012.pdf#page=29>).

#### **4.0 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy became effective spring 2010.

### **OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

#### **STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY**

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examination, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for the purpose. Section 51.911(a)(2) defines a religious holy day as: "a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Section 11.20..." A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University Policy 861001 provide the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe a religious holy day shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day. The instructor will complete a form notifying the student of a reasonable timeframe in which the missed assignments and/or examinations are to be completed. This policy is fully addressed in [Academic Policy Statement 861001](#).

## **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 are expected to visit with the [Services for Students with Disabilities](#) office located in the Lee Drain North Annex and can be contacted by phone at 936-294-3512 (Voice), 936-294-3786 (TDD), or via email at [disability@shsu.edu](mailto: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 Counseling Center 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 Counseling Center. This policy is fully addressed in [Academic Policy Statement 811006](#).

**MISCELLANEOUS: Visitors In The Classroom:** Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom. Please check with the instructor ahead of time for approval.

**\*This syllabus is subject to change with proper notification to the class\***