

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Sam Houston State University Course Description and Syllabus

DEPARTMENT:	Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology
COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:	AGRI 4360 – Livestock Management Techniques
SEMESTER:	Spring 2017
LOCATION OF CLASS MEETING:	Gibbs Ranch, Huntsville, Texas
CLASS MEETING TIME:	Thursday, 1:00 – 4:50 pm
INSTRUCTOR:	Mary B. Wilson, Lecturer- Animal Science
OFFICE LOCATION:	Gibbs Ranch Classroom
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OFFICE HOURS:	Call for appt or question M-F 8am-9pm

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Skills and knowledge pertaining to the production of beef cattle, poultry, swine, goats, sheep, and horses. Laboratory exercises involve various management practices and selection of livestock based on visual evaluation and genetic performance..This course will also involve the management of and the record keeping practices related to supervised agricultural experiences in a high school agriculture science program.

This course is not intended for animal science majors. Writing enhanced. CISE minors only.

Prerequisite: ANSC 1319 and must have completed 55 hours of coursework

REFERENCE AND TEXTBOOK: No textbook required
Blackboard

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Regular and punctual class attendance is **REQUIRED**. If a student misses an exam due to an **EXCUSED** absence, arrangements must be made **IN ADVANCE** with the instructor to take the exam. Work turned in late (unexcused) will not be accepted and will result in a grade of 0.

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. 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 or quiz 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. 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.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT:

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 TELEPHONES AND TEXT MESSAGING DEVICES IN ACADEMIC CLASSROOMS:

The use by students of electronic devices that perform the function of a telephone or text messaging 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.

Any use of a telephone, text messaging device, or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test and 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.

TOBACCO POLICY:

In order to promote a healthy, safe, and aesthetically pleasing work, educational, and living environment, Sam Houston State University (SHSU) will endorse a smoke free and tobacco free environment. The primary purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines prohibiting smoking and the use of all tobacco products. Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, and all other tobacco products. This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, employees of contractors, and visitors of Sam Houston State University on the premises of the university.

EXAMS AND GRADING PLAN:

Grading System	Points
Truck & Trailer demonstration (hands on lab)	25
Non traditional SAE's (Spreadsheet)	25
Show Team Handbook & Fair Report	25
Safety Test	25
EXAM #1	100
EXAM #2	100
EXAM #3	100
Final part 2 (produce a completed Lone Star Degree)	125
Final part 2 (produce a completed Diversified Proficiency Application)	125
Attendance 14 days 25 pts each	350
TOTAL	1000
A = +90% B=80% C=70% D=60% F= less than 59%	

COURSE TOPICS:

Introduction, Safety, AET set up
Breeding Beef, Steers/Commercial Cattle @ Gibbs
AET workshop @Reg 6
Goats/Lambs @ Sheppard, Tx
Truck and trailer @ Gibbs
SAE Records/ Meet at Perkel
Validations & stock show do's and don't & Quiz 2
Swine @ Gibbs
Rabbits @ Gibbs
Show teams & Advisor/Agent rolls
Setting up stalls/caring for livestock at a show Quiz 3 & Handbook @ Gibbs
Poultry @ Gibbs
Scoring SAEs @ Perkel
Final Exam & Degree Check