



EQSC 346 01W/L

EQUINE REPRODUCTIVE TECHNIQUES

(22039, 22616)

COURSE SYLLABUS SPRING 2015

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COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TIME AND PLACE

Time: online lecture, EQSC 346L R 11:00a-12:50p
Location: LSTK005 (Equine Center)

PREREQUISITES

EQSC 240, or instructor's permission (send email to petra.collyer@tamuc.edu)

MATERIAL

Textbook(s) required: Equine Reproductive Procedures by John Dascanio and Patrick McCue
Wiley Blackwell, 1st edition August 2014

ISBN-10: 0470960396

ISBN-13: 978-0470960394

Further required and recommended reading material will be posted on eCollege

COURSE DESCRIPTION

(Catalog 2014-1015) 3 semester hours. "Students will learn how to apply different techniques to appropriately breed horses, check horses for pregnancy, evaluate stallions for potency, and

improve breeding percentages for equine farms. Students will learn how to artificially inseminate, perform and assist with embryo transfer, collect and analyze semen, methods for storing and shipping semen, and how to check mares for pregnancy with an ultrasound machine at different stages of embryonic development.”

Rationale of the course: The course encourages students to apply their theoretical knowledge of equine physiology to routinely encountered situations in equine reproductive management.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, students shall be able to:

- 1) manage broodmares, foals and stallions
- 2) perform routine assessments of broodmares, foals and stallions
- 3) explain the principles of equine reproduction and modern reproductive techniques
- 4) critically review peer-reviewed publications in equine reproduction

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS / ACTIVITIES ASSESSMENTS

Student Learning Outcome #1 and 3: The student will synthesize knowledge from reading materials and laboratory discussions.

Assessment Method:

Weekly online quizzes

Question type: Multiple choice, matching, short-answer, true/ false

Online comprehensive final exam

Student Learning Outcome #2: The student will demonstrate practical knowledge of equine breeding management.

Assessment Method: Practical assessment and written exams (in lab, weeks 4,8,12)

Student Learning Outcome #4: The student will evaluate peer-reviewed publications.

Assessment Method: Class presentation of two papers according to the criteria of the Critical Thinking Community www.criticalthinking.org

GRADING

	Time period	Points		
Exam 1 (in lab)	week 4	50		
Exam 2 (in lab)	week 8	50		
Exam 3 (in lab)	week 12	50	400-360 (points)	A
Final exam (online)	finals week	100	359-320	B
Lecture quizzes (online)	weekly	100	319-280	C
Critical reviews (2)	Once/semester	50	279-240	D
Total		400	249- 0	F

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Course materials and required reading assignments will be submitted to eCollege in the weekly folders. To fully participate in this web-enhanced course, you will need to use a current, Flash enabled browser. For PC users, the suggested browser is Internet Explorer 9.0 or 10. For Mac users, the most current update of Firefox is suggested. You will need regular access to a computer with a broadband Internet connection. The minimum computer requirements are: 512 MB of RAM, 1 GB or more preferred . Video display capable of high-color 16-bit display 1024 x 768 or higher resolution. Sound card, speakers or headphones are required. Both versions of Java (32 bit and 64 bit) must be installed and up to date on your machine. Java can be downloaded at: <http://www.java.com/en/download/manual.jsp> Current anti-virus software must be installed and kept up to date. You will need some additional free software for enhanced web browsing. Ensure that you download the free versions of the following software: Adobe Reader, Adobe Flash Player.

At a minimum, you must have Microsoft Office 2013, 2010, 2007 or Open Office. Microsoft Office is the standard office productivity software utilized by faculty, students, and staff. Microsoft Word is the standard word processing software, Microsoft Excel is the standard spreadsheet software, and Microsoft PowerPoint is the standard presentation software. Copying and pasting, along with attaching/uploading documents for assignment submission, will also be required. If you do not have Microsoft Office, you can check with the bookstore to see if they have any student copies. For additional information about system requirements, please see: <https://secure.ecollege.com/tamuc/index.learn?action=technical>

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

PEARSON LEARNINGSTUDIO ACCESS AND LOG IN INFORMATION

This course will be facilitated using Pearson LearningStudio, the learning management system used by Texas A&M University Commerce. To get started with the course, go to:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/myleo.aspx>. You will need your CWID and password to log in to the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact Technology Services at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu. It is strongly recommended that you perform a "Browser Test" prior to the start of your course. To launch a browser test, login to Pearson LearningStudio, click on the 'myCourses' tab, and then select the "Browser Test" link under Support Services.

PEARSON LEARNINGSTUDIO STUDENT TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Texas A&M University Commerce provides students technical support in the use of Pearson LearningStudio. Technical assistance is available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week.

If at any time you experience technical problems (e.g., you can't log in to the course, you can't see certain material, etc.) please contact the Pearson LearningStudio Help Desk. Accessing Help from within Your Course: Click on the '*Tech Support*' icon on the upper left side of the screen inside the course. You will then be able to get assistance via online chat, email or otherwise by phone. The Help Desk number is 1-866-656-5511. Email: helpdesk@online.tamuc.org

Note: Personal computer problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, Office Services such as Kinko's, an Internet cafe, or a bookstore such as Barnes & Noble, etc.

POLICY FOR REPORTING PROBLEMS WITH PEARSON LEARNINGSTUDIO

Should students encounter Pearson LearningStudio based problems while submitting assignments/discussions/comments/exams, the following procedure **MUST** be followed:

Students must report the problem to the help desk. You may reach the helpdesk at helpdesk@online.tamuc.org or 1-866-656-5511.

Students **MUST** file their problem with the helpdesk and obtain a helpdesk ticket number. Once a helpdesk ticket number is in your possession, students should email the instructor to provide her with the helpdesk ticket number. At that time, the instructor will call the helpdesk to confirm your problem and follow up with the student.

PLEASE NOTE: Your personal computer/access problems are not a legitimate excuse for filing a ticket with the help desk. You are strongly encouraged to check for compatibility of your browser **BEFORE** the course begins and to take the Pearson LearningStudio tutorial offered for students who may require some extra assistance in navigating the Pearson LearningStudio platform. **ONLY** Pearson LearningStudio based problems are legitimate.

An Internet connection is necessary to participate in discussions and assignments, access readings, transfer course work, and receive feedback from your professor. View the requirements as outlined in Technology Requirements above for more information.

MYLEO SUPPORT

Your myLeo email address is required to send and receive all student correspondence. Please email helpdesk@tamuc.edu or call 903-468-6000 with any questions about setting up your myLeo email account. You may also access information at <https://leo.tamuc.edu>.

Learner Support

Go to the following link [One Stop Shop](#)- created to serve you by attempting to provide as many resources as possible in one location.

Go to the following link [Academic Success Center](#)- focused on providing academic resources to help you achieve academic success.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

Course announcements are found on eCollege.

The primary tool for communication is email. Questions or concerns are directed to Petra.Collyer@tamuc.edu, and students use their university myLeo account and adhere to the rules of netiquette (<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>). Emails are generally answered within 24 hours during regular business hours (Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm). Students can visit with the instructor during office hours (open door policy), or make an appointment via email.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

COURSE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

Attendance is taken each session. Students who miss more than three classes or do not complete the course requirements will fail the course.

Make-up exams are only possible with a university-sanctioned excuse within three working days prior of after the regular exam date. In order to qualify for a make-up exam, the student is required to inform the instructor before the exam date and time, and present a document that provides evidence of an emergency or university activity. In case of an emergency on the date of an exam, inform the instructor via email on that day, and make sure to provide written evidence within three days.

UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

ADA STATEMENT

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 132

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

STUDENT CONDUCT

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week	tentative modules
1	Non-pregnant Mare
2	Non-pregnant Mare
3	Non-pregnant Mare
4	Exam
5	Pregnant Mare
6	Pregnant Mare
7	Pregnant Mare
8	Exam
9	Post-partum mare and foal management
10	Post-partum mare and foal management
11	Post-partum mare and foal management
12	Exam
13	Stallion
14	Stallion
15	Stallion