

ANS 397: Ethics and Welfare in Animal Production

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Course Information

Text – No textbook will be required. Articles and readings used in class will be accessible online or provided. Other useful text will be displayed and mentioned over the course of the semester.

Course description:

Investigation into the evolution and etiology of common and uncommon domestic animal behaviors. In conjunction to common behaviors and production practices the ethical treatment and management of domestic animals from the welfare perspective will be covered; including evolution, regulations, legislation on a global scale. Etiology of common and uncommon behaviors in domestic meat animal species will be explored from the physiological and neurological perspective. Ethical determinations from a global perspective of food animal species will be outlined and explored

Learning Objectives (397):

1. Understand and acknowledge different scientific behavioral fields and their application to animal welfare.
2. Acknowledge, understand and apply genetic and evolutionary principles of animal production and its relationship to animal welfare.
3. Identify, understand, and apply, neurobiological anatomy and endocrine processes to animal behavior that impact animal welfare.
4. Be familiar with legislation and animal welfare regulation globally.
5. Understand and apply data collection techniques in animal behavior as insight to animal welfare for each respective species.

(517) Objectives: The objectives for the advanced course will include all of the above and the following:

1. Understand, Summarize, and Apply welfare research and animal ethics to producers.
2. Organize, Disseminate and Present existing and novel issues regarding animal welfare and ethics to both scientific and lay communities.

Course Requirements:

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This course will be a lecture based course where attendance is paramount. Discussions and the variable nature of the subject matter will rely heavily on course interaction. Expectations will be to prepare for discussions by being familiar with literature before class. There will be numerous written response assignments, assignments requiring the use of excel, and graduate students will be required to present topics, thus, command of Microsoft office suit will be imperative.

Grading:

The grading scale will be as follows:

A = 90%-100%

B = 80%-89%

C = 70%-79%

D = 60%-69%

F= 59% or Below

The point totals will include all points from quizzes, readings, assignments, or exams that are assigned throughout the semester. There will be no grade weighting.

Schedule:

Unit 1: History of Animal behavior and Welfare

Unit 2: Legislation of Animal Behavior and Welfare

Unit 3: Cattle

Unit 4: Swine

Unit 5: Sheep/Goats

Unit 6: Horses

Unit 7: Laboratory Animals

Unit 8: Companion Animals

ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@tamuc.edu.

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Note: Personal computer and internet connection 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 service companies, Starbucks, a TAMUC campus open computer lab, etc.

Use of Artificial Intelligence:

This course requires extensive writing and responses to literature and other ethical and welfare topics. All writing that is turned in will be pasted into 'ZeroGPT' and checked for the use of AI software. Any writing with more than 20% AI use will receive a grade of 0 with 1 option to rewrite. Multiple offenses will be handled in accordance with the academic dishonesty section.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

Interaction with Instructor Statement

I will always do my best to respond to a student's email within 48 business hours (this does not include weekends or holidays). If I fail to respond to an email within this time, please feel free to send a follow-up email! With regards to grading, every effort will be made to grade assignments and exams within one week of due date, though circumstances may dictate that it takes slightly longer.

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Late assignments will be accepted up to one week following the due date with a 10% loss of points per day late, including weekends. All assignments, unless otherwise noted, must be submitted through D2L – hard copies will not be accepted. Exams will only be rescheduled for **university-approved absences** and may not be the same as the exam given during the regularly-scheduled exam time.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

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University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

A&M-Commerce requires the use of face-coverings in all instructional and research classrooms/laboratories. Exceptions may be made by faculty where warranted. Faculty have management over their classrooms. Students not using face-coverings can be required to leave class. Repetitive refusal to comply can be reported to the Office of Students' Rights and Responsibilities as a violation of the student Code of Conduct.

Students should not attend class when ill or after exposure to anyone with a communicable illness. Communicate such instances directly with your instructor. Faculty will work to support the student getting access to missed content or completing missed assignments.

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](#) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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Students with Disabilities--ADA Statement

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 162

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34/SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.