ANS 317: Animal Management Techniques
Course Syllabus | Fall 2025

Course and Contact Information:

Catalog Description:
Application of animal handling and management techniques for dairy, beef, sheep, swine, and poultry.

Class Time and Location:
ANLB 1; MW 3:00 – 4:50 pm

Instructor:
Dr. Tasha King
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AG/ET 233G; 903-886-5351

Office Hours:
MW 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; **T/R** 1:00 – 2:00 pm
Open Door or by appointment

What you'll need:

All course material will be provided via the D2L course. No textbook is required for this course.

Please be prepared to be outside in all types of weather. Closed toe shoes will be required for many activities. You may get dirty!

What you'll learn (Course Objectives):

1. Apply principles and concepts from various disciplines (nutrition, genetics, reproduction, health, handling etc.) in making livestock management decisions.

2. Understand the different options available to livestock producers for routine management practices and evaluate the pros and cons of a management technique or decision.

3. Gain the ability and experience to perform common management practices in different farm livestock species which may include the following: vaccinations, deworming, implanting, piglet processing, animal identification, pregnancy diagnosis among others.

Grading Format:
Grades will be calculated based on a total of 1050 points and updated on D2L.

Class Activities	300 pts
Quizzes	250 pts
Midterm	150 pts
Cumulative Final	200 pts
Calving Watch	150 pts
	1050 pts

A: 945+ pts
B: 840 – 944 pts
C: 735 – 839 pts
D: 630 – 734 pts
F: < 629 pts

Policies and Important Information
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> **This syllabus is subject to change at discretion of the professor to allow for success of students in the course.**

Instructor Interaction Statement:
E-mail response or acknowledgement from the instructor will be within two business days. When emailing please include course number and name. Mistakes happen and if I miss your email, please send a follow-up email! Grading of assessments will occur within a week unless circumstances arise that prevent this from being accomplished, but effort will be made to complete in a timely manner. Feel free to stop by my office during office hours or when the door is open.

Tips for Student Success:
Material will be taught primarily through experiential learning. Therefore, your attendance and active participation is vital to success. Please feel free to meet with me if you have any concerns about your participation in the course. It is recommended to have closed toe shoes for the course and clothes that may get dirty. Be aware of the weather and be prepared. Class activities may vary or change due to opportunities that arise on the farm. Points will be awarded for participation with quizzes given every three weeks to review materials. A cumulative midterm and final will be assigned in the course.

Attendance and Assignments
Many of the assignments and activities will be completed in the allotted meeting time for the course. Should there be outside of class assignments turned in late, they will be graded at 50%. If you will be absent for a class, please inform me via email.

Material Covered
The course will primarily cover three disciplines within animal science: nutrition, reproduction, and health. Within each discipline we will discuss varying species and utilize hands-on opportunities to connect foundational knowledge to common practices in livestock production. These may include: vaccinations, palpation, feed identification, parasite detection and management, grazing strategy, and animal handling among others.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by Texas A&M University-Commerce have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements
LMS Requirements:
https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements
LMS Browser Support:
https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm
Zoom Video Conferencing Tool
https://inside.tamuc.edu/campuslife/CampusServices/CITESupportCenter/Zoom_Account.aspx?source=universalmenu

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**.**

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.

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

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

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.

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. https://inside.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf.

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

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedures 13.99.99.R0.01

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

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

Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form

http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/documents/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateStudentAcademicDishonestyForm.pdf

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
East Texas A&M University
Velma K. Waters Library Rm 162
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu
Website: Student Disability Services
https://www.tamuc.edu/student-disability-services/

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 East Texas A&M University 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 East Texas A&M University 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/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/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.

East Texas A&M University Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at East Texas A&M University, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit **www.tamuc.edu/counsel**

Mental Health and Well-Being

The university aims to provide students with essential knowledge and tools to understand and support mental health. As part of our commitment to your well-being, we offer access to Telus Health, a service available 24/7/365 via chat, phone, or webinar. Scan the QR code to download the app and explore the resources available to you for guidance and support whenever you need it.

http://telusproduction.com/app/5108.html

AI use policy

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors 'guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented source.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty