VETT 100 01W – Introduction to the Profession of Veterinary Medicine
CRN: 22081
COURSE SYLLABUS: Spring 2026
Web Based Course

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Communication Response Time: 24-48 hours

COURSE INFORMATION

Materials – Textbooks, Readings, Supplementary Readings

Textbook(s) Required:
- **McCurnin's Clinical Textbook for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses**
  - ISBN (10th ed.): 9780323722001
  - ISBN (11th ed.): 9780323936514
- **McCurnin's Clinical Workbook for Veterinary Technicians and Nurses**
  - ISBN (10th ed.): 9780323765107
  - ISBN (11th ed.): 9780443117091
- Whichever edition of McCurnin's you choose is acceptable for this course.

Optional Texts and/or Materials:
- **Principles and Practices of Veterinary Technology, 5th edition**
  - ISBN: 9780323832168
- **Small Animal Care and Management, 4h edition**
  - ISBN: 9781285425528

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- **Practice Management for the Veterinary Team: Front Office, Operations, and Development, 4th edition**
  - ISBN: 9780443117084
- There will be links to images, videos, and other supplemental materials posted in D2L.

Software Required: Any Internet vehicle including Google Chrome, Firefox, etc. that follows that below supported browsers. Also, lecture materials, supplemental worksheets, videos, and slides will be available which will need to be opened using Adobe PDF, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint.

Course Description

This course is designed to give students an overview of veterinary medicine from its origin to the present time. The course will include, but not be limited to: professionalism, legal and ethical aspects of veterinary practice, regulatory and government bodies, safety, sanitation and waste-disposal protocols, the human-animal bond, animal welfare, animal abuse, breeds of companion animals, professional associations, credentialing, roles of the veterinary team members, and careers.
Note: This course is required for entrance into the professional Veterinary Biomedical Technology program.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Understand how the Texas Veterinary Practice Act governs what procedures may be legally performed by each role of the veterinary healthcare team.
2. Discuss veterinary science careers, responsibilities, and professionalism.
3. Understand the legal and ethical context of practice and the Veterinarian-Client-Patient-Relationship.
4. Work as a team member to deliver service in an ethical, compassionate, high-quality manner, using the knowledge of the human-animal bond and animal welfare.
5. Identify and describe common workplace hazards, including zoonotic diseases in order to comply with occupational health and safety guidelines in veterinary medicine.
6. Identify common breeds of companion animals.
7. Assess the general characteristics of dog and cat breeds to help, guide, or recommend to owners to distinguish or choose between what breeds are the best fit for their lifestyle.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Using the learning management system, using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint, using presentation and graphic programs, etc.

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Instructional Methods

This course will use the D2L learning platform. D2L is how lecture content, assignments, discussions, quizzes, tests, etc. will be delivered. This is how the course will remain interactive and engaging while still being completely online.

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

- The student will regularly log into the course module in D2L.
- The student will be held responsible for being familiar with all material presented in the course (lectures, readings, assignments, classmates' presentations, etc.).
- The student is expected to participate in all course activities and complete all examinations and course assignments on time.
    - **LATE WORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** There is **NO** extra credit for this course. **ALL** assignments, presentations, etc. will be turned in as either **Microsoft Word or PDF format** as indicated in each module. There are **NO** re-do's, do-overs, or re-submits in this course.
    - **Note:** Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. It is the student's responsibility 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, an ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.
- Any changes in the course schedule, such as examination dates, deadlines, etc. will be announced ahead of time via **email** and on the **D2L course module**.
    - It is the students' responsibility to be informed of these changes. It is the student's responsibility to be informed about deadlines concerning registration (e.g., last day for withdrawal, etc.).
- Communication: The instructor will communicate with students through email.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

A	=	90-100%
B	=	80-89%
C	=	70-79%
D	=	60-69%
F	=	59% and below

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Course Outline/Calendar

In progress. To be updated.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University 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@etamu.edu.

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

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COURSE

CWID and Password

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Technology-Related Issues

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 ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Students will need reliable computer and internet access for this course. Students must be able to effectively use myLEO email, myLEO Online D2L, and Microsoft Office.

Learning Management System (LMS) – D2L

All course sections offered by East Texas A&M University have a corresponding course shell in the myLEO Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are the technical requirements:

- View the [Learning Management System Requirements Webpage.](#)

- Learn more on the [LMS Browser Support Webpage.](#)

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 on the [Brightspace Support Webpage.](#)

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Interaction with Instructor Statement

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If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your instructor. Correspondence will always be through university email (your "myLEO" mail) and announcements in myLEO online (D2L). You will not RECEIVE email through D2L, so be sure to check your ETAMU email for communication. Students are encouraged to check university email daily.

Include the Following in Emails with Instructor:

- Course name and subject in the subject line

- Salutation (Good afternoon, Dr. Jackson)

- Proper email etiquette (no "text" emails – use proper grammar and punctuation)

- Student name and CWID after the body of the email (possibly add to student signature on email)

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.

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 online in the Student Guidebook.

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette Webpage for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum.

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy, please view the Attendance Webpage and the Class Attendance Policy

Academic Integrity

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

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

[Undergraduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

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

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty Form](#)

Use of Artificial Intelligence

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 sources

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

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Website: Office of Student Disability Services

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University 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 ETAMU 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.

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

East Texas A&M Supports Students' Mental Health – Counseling Services

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

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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.

As an Institutional Member of the National Association of Schools of Music, East Texas State A&M University supports the Association's commitment to student health and wellness. The following web address provides links to information for resources related to physical and mental well-being, as well as assists in offering preventative measures that students can take to avoid serious and/or chronic conditions: Musician Health and Safety - East Texas A&M University

Department and Accrediting Agency Statement:

School of Music Mission Statement:

The School of Music at East Texas A&M University promotes excellence in music through the rigorous study of music history, literature, theory, composition, pedagogy, and the preparation of music performance in applied study and ensembles to meet the highest standards of aesthetic expression.

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