

Common Course Syllabus

Department: Agriculture

Discipline: Livestock Evaluation

Course Number: AGRI 2321

Course Title: Livestock Evaluation 1

Credit: 3 **Lecture:** 2 **Lab:** 2

This course satisfies a core curriculum requirement: No

Prerequisites: *None*

CORE OBJECTIVES TO BE ADDRESSED:

Communication – to include effective written, oral and visual communication

Critical Thinking Skills – to include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information

Empirical and Quantitative Skills – to include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions

Teamwork Skills – to include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal

Available Formats conventional/internet

Campuses: Levelland Campus

Textbook: All Materials will be provided in Blackboard.

For this course, we will be utilizing iCEV for required video viewing assignments. The cost for a semester-long subscription to iCEV is \$30.00. For information on how to purchase your subscription, please go to www.icevonline.com. You will see an example in week 1 content in Blackboard. If you have any issues signing up for iCEV, please ICEV @ 806-745-8820.

Supplies: Computer access and internet access.

Course Specific Instructions: The online section of this course will access course information and respond to me and/or other students through the use of the Internet. SPC uses Blackboard to deliver and manage this course. There is help available for students at the SPC Online Web site. You can access this site at: <http://southplainscollege.edu/online/students/studentguide/index.hmt>. Blackboard is a new environment for students at SPC. If you have previously taken an online course, chances are this course will be considerably different. Please do not let yourself become overwhelmed or spend hours of your time trying to figure out how to access something. You have many sources available to you for help. You can contact me by: e-mail, telephone, or come by my office.

The conventional section of this course will meet as a normal class. See your instructor for specific instructions.

Course Description *A detailed consideration of the factors involved in the selection and evaluation of cattle, sheep, goats, and swine for breeding and slaughter. The College Livestock Judging Team is selected from the conventional section of this class. This course may be repeated once for credit.*

Course Purpose/Rationale/Goal – *Introduce the student to basic fundamentals in Livestock evaluation.*

Course Requirements: To maximize the potential to complete this course, a student should attend all class and laboratory meetings, complete all homework assignments and examinations including final projects and/or examinations.

Course Evaluation: Please see the instructor's course information sheet for specific items used in evaluating student performance.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all classes in order to be successful in a course. The student may be administratively withdrawn from the course when absences become excessive as defined in the course syllabus.

When an unavoidable reason for class absence arises, such as illness, an official trip authorized by the college or an official activity, the instructor may permit the student to make up work missed. It is the student's responsibility to complete work missed within a reasonable period of time as determined by the instructor. Students are officially enrolled in all courses for which they pay tuition and fees at the time of registration. Should a student, for any reason, delay in reporting to a class after official enrollment, absences will be attributed to the student from the first class meeting.

Students who enroll in a course but have "Never Attended" by the official census date, as reported by the faculty member, will be administratively dropped by the Office of Admissions and Records. A student who does not meet the attendance requirements of a class as stated in the course syllabus and does not officially withdraw from that course by the official census date of the semester, may be administratively withdrawn from that course and receive a grade of "X" or "F" as determined by the instructor. Instructors are responsible for clearly stating their administrative drop policy in the course syllabus, and it is the student's responsibility to be aware of that policy.

It is the student's responsibility to verify administrative drops for excessive absences through MySPC using his or her student online account. If it is determined that a student is awarded financial aid for a class or classes in which the student never attended or participated, the financial aid award will be adjusted in accordance with the classes in which the student did attend/participate and the student will owe any balance resulting from the adjustment.

Student Learning Outcomes/Competencies:

Upon completion of this course and receiving a passing grade, the student will be able to:

1. understand modern terminology in all species discussed in this class
2. understand industry trends for each specie discussed in this class
3. have the ability to identify the anatomy of all four species
4. know the economically important traits of all species
5. have the ability to identify and understand structural perfection and flaws in all species discussed
6. have the ability to analyze and defend his or her decisions regarding evaluation of all four species
7. attain confidence in your decision making skills
8. have the ability to incorporate this knowledge as evidence by verbal or written justification
9. understand economic traits of each classification of slaughter animal
10. understand economic traits of each classification of breeding animal

SPC Standard Disability Statement

Students with disabilities, including but not limited to physical, psychiatric, or learning disabilities, who wish to request accommodations in this class should notify the Disability Services Office early in the semester so that the appropriate arrangements may be made. In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodations must provide acceptable documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Services Office. For more information, call or visit the Disability Services Office at Levelland (Student Health & Wellness Office) 806-716-2577, Reese Center (Building 8) 806-716-4675, or Plainview Center (Main Office) 806-716-4302 or 806-296-9611.

Note to students with disabilities: If you have a disability-related need for reasonable academic adjustments in this course, provide the (Instructor) with a letter of accommodation from Disability Services Office. If you need immediate accommodations or physical access, please arrange to meet with the Disability Services Office before the next class meeting