

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Sam Houston State University

Course Description and Syllabus

DEPARTMENT: Agricultural Sciences
COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: AGR 230; Livestock Selection and Evaluation
SEMESTER: Spring 2008
LOCATION OF CLASS MEETING: AHA, Rm 010
CLASS MEETING TIME: Thursday, 1:00 – 5:00
INSTRUCTOR: JoJo Carrales, Livestock Judging Team Coach - Animal Science
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COURSE DESCRIPTION Evaluate market and breeding animals based on economical traits and productivity.

Exercise sound judgment and make decisions on selecting and evaluating livestock.

Foster critical thinking and improve the art of communication.

REFERENCE: SHSU Livestock Evaluation Manual. Kelley, S.F. Available at Copy Time.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

Live Animal Carcass Evaluation and Selection Manual, Boggs, D.L. and R. A. Merkel, 4th. Ed., Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., Iowa.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Regular and punctual class attendance is expected. Students will be expected to participate in field trips, lecture, and lab activities.

If a student misses an exam due to an **EXCUSED** absence, arrangements must be made **IN ADVANCE** with the instructor to take the exam. Otherwise, make-up exams will be comprehensive and scheduled at the end of the semester. Missed lab grades (placing and reason scores) cannot be made-up. For excused lab absences, extra work will be assigned to replace the missed grades or the averages will be adjusted.

EXAMS AND GRADING PLAN: Grades will be determined based upon the equal weighing of two (2) lecture exams, homework, and placing/reason scores.

Exam I	33.33%
Exam II	33.33%
Daily Average	<u>33.33%</u>
	100%

Grade distributions will be based upon the following scale:

A = 90 – 100; B = 80 – 89; C = 70 – 79; D = 60 – 69; F = <60

Homework turned in late (unexcused) will be adjusted 10% for each day late from the original grade received.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

Cheating **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Students caught cheating on an exam or micro-quiz will be given a zero (0) for the exam or quiz grade and a letter will be written to the student's file

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT:

Student requests for accommodations must be initiated by the student. A student seeking accommodations should go to the Counseling Center and Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) in a timely manner.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS:

University policy states that a student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day shall be permitted to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

COURSE OUTLINE:

- I. Orientation and Introduction
- II. Taking Notes & Visual Appraisal of Livestock
- III. Supporting Your Decision Through Oral Presentation