Advanced Sheep and Goat Production
ASCI 6340
Fall 2016

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Class Hours: TR 11:00-12:15 am
Final Exam: Tuesday, December 13 @ 10:30 am
Classroom: RASS 265

Class Format: The class will have an online component to supplement the face-to-face lecture. There will also be assignments that will require working in Blackboard. Therefore, familiarize yourself with Blackboard early in the semester before you are required to do assignments. I will provide some information/notes/reading etc but not everything. Anything discussed during class or posted online will be information I expect you to know.

Online Posting: There will be a minimum of 5 posts worth 20 points each. I will provide instructions on each of these when they are assigned.

Readings: There will be Four readings assigned during the semester. Each reading will be a journal article that you will have to provide a short written summary and lead a 5 minute discussion during the class. Article assignments will be given in class. These will each be worth 50 points total.

Exams: Exams will be written essay type. Occasionally there will be a take home section. Answers to questions are expected to be complete and thorough.

The final exam will be May 7, 2019 at 10:30 am.

Text: There is not a single text for the class. Students should take advantage of the journals in the library and through the library’s online database. Become familiar with the journal search engines because readings will be assigned. They will be handed out during class, posted on Blackboard, or will have to be retrieved on your own.

Learning Goals: 1. Students will be expected to have a strong understanding of the sheep and goat industry and how it fits into the world agriculture industry.
2. Students should understand how to manage sheep and goats in a production setting.

Assessment: Learning outcomes will be assessed during sections of exams, through student led discussions and through evaluation summaries.
**Topics**: Topics will include but are not limited to the following.

- Sheep and Goat Breeds and their uses (general breeds in this area)
- Study of the sheep and goat industry structure
- Reproductive Management and Seasonality
- Health Management
- Nutrition
- Disease Management
- Marketing

In my schedule of time to cover each topic I have allowed extra time. This is a graduate course, therefore, I encourage and expect questions to arise that are not in the normal topics and we will cover those as well. I encourage each of you to bring up any topic you would like to be covered.

**Attendance**: Attendance is essential to perform well in this class. Attendance will be taken regularly during the semester, but if an absence is necessary you must let me know ahead of time. If you must miss class on a scheduled exam or when an assignment is due, you must visit with me ahead of time so that arrangements may be made to complete the work. However, waiting until after you miss will result in a zero on the missed assignment.

**Academic Honesty**: Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding the Academic Honor Code, which is contained in both print and web versions of the Student Handbook. Refer to the Angelo State University Student Handbook for the definition and consequences of academic dishonesty.

**Americans with Disabilities Act**: “Persons with disabilities which may warrant academic accommodations must contact the Student Life Office, Room 112 University Center, in order to request such accommodations prior to any accommodations being implemented. You are encouraged to make this request early in the semester so that appropriate arrangements can be made.” (325)942-2191 (student.life@angelo.edu) (Operating Policy 10.15: http://www.angelo.edu/opmanual/)

**Student Absence for a Religious Holy Day**
1. “Religious holy day” means a holy day observed by a religion whose places of worship are exempt from property taxation under Texas Tax Code §11.20.
2. A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.
3. A student who is excused under section 2 may not be penalized for the absence; however, the instructor may respond appropriately if the student fails to complete the assignment satisfactorily.
Grading:

- Exam - midterm: 100 points
- Discussion Posts (5): 100 Points (20 points each)
- Reading Summary: 200 points
- Final exam: 100 points