ASCI 6335 Current Issues in Animal Agriculture
Tuesday – Thursday 9:30 – 10:45 VIN 263

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Course Information

Course Description
The objective of this course is to familiarize students with current issues in animal agriculture and to develop rational understanding of societal, environmental, and economical concerns and opinions associated with these issues.
**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Obtain new knowledge and strengthen current knowledge of various issues involving animal agriculture. Issues can include but are not limited to:
  - Agriculture Act of 2018 (Farm Bill)
  - USMCA (NAFTA replacement)
  - Animal Welfare
  - Animal production impact on climate change
  - Plant based protein alternatives
  - Economic impact of plant based protein alternatives
  - Antibiotic use in animal agriculture
  - Local, Federal, Global policy updates

- Improve skills in gathering, summarizing, and writing about issues pertaining to animal agriculture

**Required Texts and Materials**

There is no one required text for this course. However, you will be required to utilize multiple types of resources including textbooks available in the library, journal articles, news articles, and personal interviews. You are **encouraged to utilize a variety of these resources** and **required** to utilize them in the proper manner (i.e. proper citation and paraphrasing).

**Grading**

**Evaluation and Grades**

Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

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**Grading System**

The following grading scale is in use for this course:

- A = 630-700 points
- B = 560-629 points
- C = 490-559 points
- FAIL = ≤ 489 points

(Grades are not rounded up)
Assignment and Activity Descriptions
Each professor will determine subject(s) in which the summary assignments will be based on. Summary assignments will be submitted through Turn-it-in feature of blackboard.

A course Portfolio will be a compiled record of lectures and guest lectures that occur throughout the semester. Final submission of a completed portfolio will be due April 28, 2020.

General Policies Related to This Course
All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook
- Angelo State University Catalog

Academic Integrity
Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the university’s Statement of Academic Integrity.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website.
The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:

Dallas Swafford  
Director of Student Disability Services  
Office of Student Affairs  
325-942-2047  
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu  
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

**Incomplete Grade Policy**

It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 *Grading Procedures* for more information.

**Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s *Academic Integrity policy* in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center.

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days**

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 *Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day* for more information.

**Title IX at Angelo State University**

The University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination including: sexual assault, sex-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, sexual harassment, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence and/or dating
violence), and stalking. As a faculty member, I am a Responsible Employee meaning that I am obligated by law and ASU policy to report any allegations I am notified of to the Office of Title IX Compliance.

Students are encouraged to report any incidents of sexual misconduct directly to ASU’s Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator at:
Michelle Boone, J.D.
Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-942-2022
michelle.boone@angelo.edu

You may also file a report online 24/7 at www.angelo.edu/incident-form.

If you are wishing to speak to someone about an incident in confidence you may contact the University Health Clinic and Counseling Center at 325-942-2173 or the ASU Crisis Helpline at 325-486-6345.

For more information about Title IX in general you may visit www.angelo.edu/title-ix.
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**Any and all elements of this schedule are subject to change**

2. https://www.angelo.edu/catalogs/
4. https://www.angelo.edu/services/disability-services/
5. https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures
7. https://www.angelo.edu/dept/writing_center/academic_honesty.php
8. https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of