

ASCI 4345

Animal Behavior and Welfare

Schedule:

Lecture: TT 9:30 – 10:45

Location: Academic 113

INSTRUCTOR:

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Office Hours:

see attached schedule; anytime my office door is open

Learning Outcome:

The objective of this course is to introduce students to the underlying mechanisms of animal behavior. Students will be expected to have a basic understanding of how behavior facilitates effective management of livestock, spouses, significant others, children, and roommates once the course is completed. We will first discuss the three major models of learning followed by an investigation of the physiological basis of behavior. Finally, we will discuss animal care and welfare and how we can manipulate livestock without causing undue distress.

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

1. Describe the models of learning,
2. Make appropriate recommendations for behavior modifications,
3. Design working facilities to reduce animal stress and improve Animal Handling

Readings:

Readings will be assigned throughout the semester. We will begin each new section of the course with a required reading. These will be posted on Blackboard. In addition, there will be an online assignment accompanying each reading that will need to be completed and submitted online for a grade.

Notes:

Lecture notes for each section on the course will be posted on Blackboard. It is up to each student to read the lecture notes. Exams over each section of the lecture notes will be completed during lecture times. During lectures, we will also discuss any questions that you may have regarding the notes, and go over additional information, examples, watch relevant videos, and complete pop quizzes over the information. As students, it is your responsibility to have read the reading assignments and reviewed notes prior to attending class. Our time together will be limited to dealing with questions that students have, not reviewing all of the details of the lecture notes.

Attendance:

My attendance policy for this class is based on you turning in assignments on line when they are due and attending class on Tuesdays and Thursdays to review relevant and additional information. I fully expect some of you may be unable to attend class from time to time because of illness. I will make accommodations for any student that is absent for illness or family emergencies.

Grading:

Grading	Points
Lecture Quizzes	350
Pop quizzes	120
Other assignments	100
On line Assignments over readings	450

Your grade at the end of the semester will reflect the total number of points that you have acquired. The course is designed so that you can earn a respectable grade if you are **actively engaged** and turn in all of your assignments on time. *What does actively engaged mean?* Simply put, you put in the time reading and completing assignments on time and attending all lectures. **It is up to you to check daily Blackboard for any assignments.** I will send out email reminders as well, but it your responsibility to keep up with assignments and turn those in on time.

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](#)^a
- [Angelo State University Catalog](#)^b

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](#).^c

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](#).^d 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](#)^e for more information.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU's [Academic Integrity policy](#)^f 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](#).^g

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](#)^h 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 Miller, J.D.
Special Assistant to the President and Title IX Coordinator
Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
325-486-6357
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.

Weekly Schedule

Week	Subject
1	Introduction and Overview
2	Inheritance and Learning
3	Classical Conditioning
4	Conditioned Taste Aversions
5	Operant Conditioning
6	Operant Conditioning
7	Vicarious Learning
8	Biological Basis of Behavior
9	Biological Basis of Behavior
10	Memory
11	Memory
12	Animal Handling and Welfare
13	Animal Handling and Welfare
Nov. 20 - 24	Final Exams

Faculty Member: Cody B. Scott

Semester: Fall

Year: 2020

Hours	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-8:50	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	RWM 6340
9:00-9:50	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	Office Hours	
	Office Hours	ASCI 4345	Office Hours	ASCI 4345	
10:00-10:50	RWM 3331		RWM 3331		
11:00-11:50	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
12:00-12:50					
1:00-1:50	RWM 3331 Labs		Research ASU Ranch	Research ASU Ranch	
2:00-2:50					
3:00-3:50					
4:00-4:50					
5:00-5:50					

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- a <https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/>
 - b <https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/>
 - c <https://www.angelo.edu/live/files/27603-student-handbook-2020-21#page=96>
 - d <https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/>
 - e <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures>
 - f <https://www.angelo.edu/live/files/27603-student-handbook-2020-21#page=96>
 - g https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/writing-center/academic_honesty.php
 - h <https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of>