ASCI 6335 Current Issues in Animal Agriculture
ONLINE

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

Course Delivery
This is an online course that will be delivered via Blackboard. Error! Bookmark not defined. If you choose, you can complete this course without visiting the ASU campus. Participation in a weekly synchronous discussion is required for full participation.

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

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<td>Total Points Possible</td>
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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
Summary assignments will be submitted through Turn-it-in feature of blackboard.

Synchronous Discussion Points:
Students will be required to attend/participate in 3 out of every 4 synchronous discussions that will be conducted via Google Meet:

Join the video meeting: https://meet.google.com/npx-jofz-axu
Join by phone, dial +1 470-241-5282 and enter this PIN: 247 043 133#

Synchronous Discussion Times: TBA

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

   Angelo State University Student Handbook¹
   Angelo State University Catalog²

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 Integrity³ (Page 97).

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:

Dr. 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 Statement 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**

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against
Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Miller, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: Incident Reporting Form
Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.miller@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit the Title IX website.

Information About COVID-19
Please refer to ASU’s COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Updates web page for current information about campus guidelines and safety standards as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Modifications to the Syllabus
This syllabus, including grade evaluation and course schedule, is subject to modification on potentially short notice based on developing circumstances.
### Preliminary Course Schedule

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**Any and all elements of this schedule are subject to change**

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1. [https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/](https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/)
2. [https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/](https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/)
4. [https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/](https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/)
7. [https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/writing-center/academic_honesty.php](https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/writing-center/academic_honesty.php)
9. [https://www.angelo.edu/incident-form](https://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
10. [https://www.angelo.edu/title-ix](https://www.angelo.edu/title-ix)
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