

# Careers in the Livestock Industry

## ANS 3934

### COURSE SYLLABUS

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#### OFFICE HOURS

Our schedules are variable so please see us after class, email, or call to make an office appointment. We are willing to work with you to accommodate your schedule.

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

ANS 3934 offers an introduction to careers in the livestock industry and a discussion of career exploration, career preparation, and the procedure of job placement

#### COURSE OBJECTIVES

- To help students understand the broad scope of disciplines and opportunities that exist in the beef, equine, dairy and pork industries.
- To help students become marketable candidates for positions of their choice in the production, marketing and processing of beef cattle, swine and dairy.
- To help students become marketable candidates for positions in the production, training, and utilization of horses.
- To help students become marketable candidates for positions in the livestock support and allied industries (feed, health, sales, promotion, etc.).
- To help students develop a plan for career development and evaluate their current readiness for positions in the industry.

#### COURSE FORMAT

Support materials will be presented by instructors and discussed with students during the first few weeks. Guest speakers from various careers will participate in panel discussions. Many speakers will be UF alumni.

#### SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday

Period 5 (11:45 AM to 12:35 PM)

ANS 156 Bldg 459 (Animal Sciences)

#### CLASS ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS

Attendance and active participation are mandatory and necessary for educational success, especially on days of invited speakers. An unexcused absence will have a negative impact on your grade. Request for an excused absence must be received in advance of missing class by contacting Mr. McQuagge.

**On days of invited speakers, there will be a dress code of business casual (Nice blue jeans are OK). No shorts, flip-flops, T-shirts, caps, or hats.**

#### GRADING SYSTEM

Participation in Class	250
Industry Event/Career Shadowing Summary	100
Internship Plan/Vet School Volunteer Hours plan	100
Resume'	<u>100</u>
	550

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

**A = 90% and above**

**B = 80-89%**

**C = 70-79%**

**D = 60-69%**

**E = below 60%**

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## 2016 IMPORTANT DATES

### No Class

Thanksgiving ~ Nov 24  
FL Equine Institute ~ Sept 15  
Sunbelt Expo ~ Oct 18-20

### Last Day of Classes

December 6, 2015

### \*Cell phones & Laptops\*

Please have your cellphones off & your laptops closed during class

### Industry Activity or Career Shadowing Activity

You have the option to complete either one industry activity or one careers shadowing activity by the end of the semester. You must complete at least one of these activities this semester.

- **Industry Activity**

Attend an activity associated with the livestock industry (extension meeting, breed association function, sale, horse show, cattlemen's meeting, etc) where professionals are participating in their career role.

*A one-page report* will include a discussion of the event, its purpose, list of professionals involved and their duties connecting the activity to the industry. **This should be a new experience!**

- **Career Shadowing Activity**

You will spend an entire 8-hour work day with an industry professional that represents your career goal. Selection of the person should be done with the course instructors and your academic advisor.

After completing a day of shadowing you should have a good understanding of the career area and position. You should also know the responsibilities and requirements for placement, and characteristics of, a successful employee in this position.

*A one page "Word" document* documenting the experience and what insight you have gained into the profession should be submitted by the end of the semester.

It is in your best interest to complete the Career Shadowing and Industry Activity during the first couple of months of the semester. **Do not wait until the last week of class to complete these assignments.** The reports can be handed in to **Ms. Pulliam** at any time during the semester.

### Internship Plan/CVM Volunteer Hours

- *Food Animal & Equine Specialization students must create an internship plan*
- *Animal Biology students must create a CVM Volunteer Hours Plan*

**Required: Attendance at the Animal Sciences Internship Program/Seminars!**

### November 3, 2016 @ 5:30 PM Animal Sciences Room 156

Meet with your academic advisor to develop an Internship/Volunteer Plan, which will include:

1. Brief career goal.
2. Your strengths and their relevance to your career of choice.
3. Your weaknesses and how you can improve these weaknesses.
4. What the internship should do to make you a better candidate for positions that meet your career goal.
5. How will you "network" to find internship opportunities?
6. What are the steps that you will complete to establish your internship?
7. What is the best semester for your internship? Why?

*Turn in a ~1 page document to Ms. Pulliam*

## **Resume'**

1. Develop resume for a position of your choice.
2. Use materials presented by Mr. Parikh to ensure your resume is appropriate for an internship or a post-graduate position in the industry.
3. Have your resume reviewed by the UF Career Resource Center.
4. Print a copy of your resume' and *turn it in* to **Ms. Pulliam**.

## **Services for Students with Disabilities**

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation 0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)

## **Software Use**

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

## **Academic Honesty**

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: "*We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.*" You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic

community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: "*On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.*"

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>.

## **Campus Helping Resources**

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. Both the Counseling Center and Student Mental Health Services provide confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance. The Counseling Center is located at 301 Peabody Hall (next to Criser Hall). Student Mental Health Services is located on the second floor of the Student Health Care Center in the Infirmary.

*University Counseling Center*, 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575, [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)

*Career Resource Center*, CR-100 JWRU, 392-1602, [www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)

*Student Mental Health Services*, Rm. 245 Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)

Center for Sexual Assault / Abuse Recovery & Education (CARE)

Eating Disorders Program

Employee Assistance Program

Suicide Prevention Program

### **Grading:**

Please consult UF's new grading policy at: <http://www.registrar.ufl.edu/catalog/policies/regulationgrades.html>

<https://evaluations.ufl.edu>

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>
Aug. 22	Introduction to Course What is the role of this course in your professional development? <b>McQuagge, Imler</b>
Aug. 25	Structure of the Livestock Industry and an Overview of the Career Opportunities: Horse Industry - <b>McQuagge</b>
Aug. 30	Structure of the Livestock Industry continued (Red Meat Production/Utilization Industry <b>Dr. Todd Thrift</b>
Sept. 1	Food Safety/Quality Assurance <b>Dr. Chad Carr</b>
Sept. 6	Interviewing: Phone and In-Person <b>Cathy Carr; Director of Alumni &amp; Career Services, College of Ag and Life Sciences (392-1963)</b>
Sept. 8	Designing and Using a Resume' & Cover Letter in the Livestock Industry <b>Roshan Parikh, Assistant Director for Career and Industry Engagement</b>
Sept. 13	Developing a Career Plan Resources: Networking in the Industry - Organizations, Magazines, INTERNET... Preparation for Guest Speakers - <b>Daily speaker notes</b> <b>McQuagge</b>
Sept. 15	No Class – Florida Equine Institute & Allied Trade Show, Ocala Agenda & Registration: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-florida-equine-institute-allied-trade-show-tickets-26727333173">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-florida-equine-institute-allied-trade-show-tickets-26727333173</a>
Sept. 20	Career Shadowing: Why, How, When, Who... Internship: Justification, Importance and Procedures <b>McQuagge, Imler</b>
Sept. 22	Education: Teaching Agriculture and Biological Sciences <b>Tori Lyons, Agriscience Educator Lafayette County High School</b>
Sept. 27	The life of a Large Animal Veterinarian, <b>Dr. Natalie Lamneck</b>
Sept. 29	Equine Industry: Horse Farm Owner, Professional Trainer <b>Tim Zuidema, Zuidema Pleasure Horses</b>
Oct. 4	Agriculture and Politics <b>Dr. Ted Yoho, DVM &amp; US. Congressional Representative, Florida, 3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>
Oct. 6	Life in Extension <b>Jessica Altum Cooper, Florida 4-H Youth Extension Program</b>
Oct. 11	Careers in the Dairy Industry <b>Melanie Herman, Reproductive Specialist, Select Sire Power</b>
Oct. 13	Food Service Industry <b>Nicki Crespo, Meat RBU, Publix Supermarkets Inc.</b>
Oct. 18	No Class - Sunbelt Ag Expo : Moultrie, GA <a href="http://www.sunbeltexpo.com">www.sunbeltexpo.com</a>
Oct. 20	No Class - Sunbelt Ag Expo : Moultrie, GA <a href="http://www.sunbeltexpo.com">www.sunbeltexpo.com</a>
Oct. 25	Animal Health Industry <b>Kurt Piepenbrink, Senior Territory Manager-Beef, Zoetis Animal, Health</b>
Oct. 27	Diversified Agricultural Operations, <b>Arnie Sarlo</b>
Nov. 1	Customer Service: Breeders, Feedyards, Breed Associations, Farm Bureau, NCBA, etc <b>David Gazda, Regional Field Representative, American Angus Association</b>

Nov. 3	Veterinary Medicine, Beef, Academia <b><i>Dr. Max Irsik, UF CVM</i></b>
Nov. 8	Careers in Zoo Nutrition <b><i>Kathleen Sullivan &amp; Shannon Livingston, Disney's Animal Kingdom</i></b>
Nov. 10	Opportunities in Corporate Ranching, Agriculture outside the box <b><i>Brian Sapp, White Oak Pastures</i></b>
Nov. 15	Meat Industry Specialty Products <b><i>Marisa White, Buyer, Boar's Head</i></b>
Nov. 17	Corporate Ranching on a National Scale <b><i>David Genho &amp; David Eckholdt, Deseret Ranches</i></b>
Nov. 22	Equine Industry: Nutrition <b><i>Steffany Dragon, Cargill-Nutrena Feeds</i></b>
Nov. 24	<b>Thanksgiving – No Class</b>
Nov. 29	Agriculture in a Global Market <b><i>Dr. Paul Genho</i></b>
Dec. 1	Allied Industries & Politics <b><i>Chad Johnson, owner Stockman's Solutions, Former Levy County Commissioner</i></b>
Dec. 6	Conclusion & Discussion: All projects due & student evaluations



