

ANS 4605
ANIMAL AND PRODUCTS EVALUATION

Prerequisite: Instructor Consent

Maximum of Two Credits per Semester

Maximum of Four Credits toward Degree Program

Class Location: TBA

Fall and Spring Semester

Class Time: TBA

<u>Program</u>	<u>Coordinator(s)</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>
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Catalog description: Advanced training in animal and/or animal products evaluation.

Course description: ANS 4992- Animal and Products Evaluation is the course title students are enrolled in while receiving advanced training in animal and/or products evaluation as a participant of a competitive education team in the Department of Animal Sciences. To gauge mastery of the skills acquired through this course, students are required to represent the University of Florida in intercollegiate contests. All meeting times and schedules are at the discretion of the program coordinators and/or instructors.

Course objectives:

To instill critical thinking and decision-making skills in students via training in animal and products evaluation and participation in intercollegiate competition.

To improve communication skills and build leadership in students via training in animal and products evaluation and participation in intercollegiate competition.

To expose students to animal agriculture outside of Florida through travel involved with animal and

products evaluation training.

Schedule of Topics:

Topics will be determined by each program coordinator.

Text:

None required

Attendance/Grades/Excused Absences:

Attendance is mandatory and is the lone parameter utilized to assess grades.

During a fifteen week semester, students will meet approximately 45 times.

Students will lose 8.2 percentage points from their final grade for each unexcused absence.

Therefore, students with one unexcused absence will still receive an A, whereas students with five unexcused absences will receive an E.

If the student's absence is due to one of the following reasons: illness or injury, death in the immediate family, medical or dental appointment, court/administrative procedures, religious observance, university-sanctioned event, or other reasons previously approved by the instructor/coordinator, students will be granted an excused absence. All other absences not accounted for in the aforementioned statements are considered unexcused.

Letter Grades Will Be Determined as Follows:			
A	90 & Above	C	70 - 74.99
B+	85 -89.99	D+	65 - 69.99
B	80 - 84.99	D	60 - 64.99
C+	75 - 79.99	E	59.99 & Below

Academic Honesty, Software Use, UF Counseling Services, Services for Students with Disabilities

In 1995 the UF student body enacted a new honor code and voluntarily committed itself to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. When students enroll at the university, they commit themselves to the standard drafted and enacted by students.

In adopting this honor code, the students of the University of Florida recognize that academic honesty and integrity are fundamental values of the university community. Students who enroll at the university commit to holding themselves and their peers to the high standard of honor required by the honor code. Any individual who becomes aware of a violation of the honor code is bound by honor to take corrective action. The quality of a University of Florida education is dependent upon community acceptance and enforcement of the honor code.

The Honor Code: We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

On all work submitted for credit by students at the university, the following pledge is either required or implied: **“On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”**

The university requires all members of its community to be honest in all endeavors. A fundamental principle is that the whole process of learning and pursuit of knowledge is diminished by cheating, plagiarism and other acts of academic dishonesty. In addition, every dishonest act in the academic environment affects other students adversely, from the skewing of the grading curve to giving unfair advantage for honors or for professional or graduate school admission. Therefore, the university will take severe action against dishonest students. Similarly, measures will be taken against faculty, staff and administrators who practice dishonest or demeaning behavior.

Students should report any condition that facilitates dishonesty to the instructor, department chair, college dean or Student Honor Court.

(Source: 2007-2008 Undergraduate Catalog)

It is assumed all work will be completed independently unless the assignment is defined as a group project, in writing by the instructor.

This policy will be vigorously upheld at all times in this course.

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.

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.counsel.ufl.edu

Career Resource Center, CR-100 JWRU, 392-1602, www.crc.ufl.edu/

Student Mental Health Services, Rm. 245 Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, www.shcc.ufl.edu/smhs/

Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)
Center for Sexual Assault / Abuse Recovery & Education (CARE)

Eating Disorders Program
Employee Assistance Program
Suicide Prevention Program

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.

0001 Reid Hall, 392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/