

ANS 2934 Careers in Animal Sciences

Fall 2025

Course Format: In-person, 2 credits

INSTRUCTORS

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Joel's Office Hours:

My schedule is variable so please use email to schedule an appointment. I am willing to work with you to accommodate your schedule.

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Amie's Office Hours:

Mondays from 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Notes:

My schedule is variable so please use the booking appointment [link](#) or email me to make an office appointment outside of scheduled office hours. I am willing to work with you to accommodate your schedule. Student consultations will be handled via phone, email, Zoom, TEAMS or face-to-face meetings – all will be welcomed with an appointment.

Teaching Assistants:

Peyton Birr

Addison Grosz

Chloe Howard

Natalee Jones

Jaden Park

Catarina Petrovic

Reese Small

COURSE SCHEDULE

Tuesday and Thursday

Period 4 (10:40 AM to 11:30 AM)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Interactive exposure to employment opportunities in the animal sciences.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Evaluate the broad scope of disciplines and opportunities that exist in the beef, equine, dairy and pork industries.
2. Become marketable candidates for positions of their choice in the production, marketing and processing of beef cattle, dairy cattle, swine, poultry, horses, as well as meats and food products.
3. Become marketable candidates for positions within the livestock support and allied industries (feed, health, sales, promotion, etc.).
4. Design a plan for career development and evaluate their current readiness for positions in the industry.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

None required.

TEXTBOOKS, LEARNING MATERIALS, AND SUPPLY FEES

None required. Support materials will be presented by instructors and discussed with students during the first few weeks. Guest speakers from various careers will participate in discussions. Many speakers will be part of the UF ANS community.

CLASS ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

Attendance and active participation are mandatory and necessary for educational success, especially on days of invited speakers. Students who are more than 20 minutes late for course due to unexcused reasons will NOT receive credit for in-class and professional assignments. Students who do not remain for the entire class periods will NOT receive credit for in-class and professional assignments.

An unexcused absence will have a negative impact on your grade. Requests for an excused absence must be received in advance of missing class, or in a timely fashion, by contacting Mrs. Imler.

Course materials will be provided to you with an excused absence, and you will be given a reasonable amount of time to make up work. [Find more information in the university attendance policies.](#)

You are expected to arrive at the classroom on time and dressed professionally. Cell phones, laptops and other digital devices should remain silenced and away as a sign of respect for invited speakers. No class sessions will be recorded.

Dress Code

- On days of invited speakers, dress code is business casual. ***No sleeveless shirts, crop tops, t-shirts, athleisure wear, shorts, caps, or hats.***

Cell Phones & Laptops

- Your cellphones must be ***SILENCED*** & away.
- Tablets and laptops are allowed for class purposes during discussion periods only. Only handwritten notes are allowed when speakers are presenting.

GRADING POLICY

Course grading is consistent with [UF grading policies.](#)

COURSE GRADING STRUCTURE

*Detailed assignment instructions and due dates can be found in Canvas.

Assignment	Point Value
Introductory Discussion	10
Upcoming Speaker Questions Submissions @ 1 point each, maximum of 20 counted towards final grade	20
In-Class Professionalism @ 9 points each, maximum of 20 counted towards final grade	180
Invited Speaker Reflections @ 10 points each, maximum of 20 counted towards final grade	200
Invited Speaker Thank You Notes (Kudoboard) @ 5 points each, maximum of 20 counted towards final grade	100
Internship Seminar Attendance and Reflection	50
Internship Plan OR Professional School Plan <i>*assigned based on specialization in major</i>	100
Resume Draft (with AI Comments)	20
Resume Review (with Reviewer Comments)	30
Final Resume	50
Industry Event OR Career Shadowing Reflection	100
Total	860

GRADING SCALE

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

Grade	Percentage Range
A	$\geq 90.0\%$
B	$\geq 80.0\% - < 90.0\%$
C	$\geq 70.0\% - < 80.0\%$
D	$\geq 60.0\% - < 70.0\%$
E	$< 60.0\%$

Notes:

You are only allowed to drop your four lowest speaker-related assignments for the semester. These include speaker reflections, in-class professionalism points, speaker questions, and speaker thank you notes. Attendance and participation in class is essential to success in this course.

Late assignments will be accepted up to one week after the posted due date in Canvas with a 10% per day late penalty.

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Academic policies for this course are consistent with university policies. See

<https://syllabus.ufl.edu/syllabus-policy/uf-syllabus-policy-links/>

CAMPUS HEALTH AND WELLNESS RESOURCES

Visit <https://one.ufl.edu/whole-gator/topics> for resources that are designed to help you thrive physically, mentally, and emotionally at UF.

Please contact [UMatterWeCare](#) for additional and immediate support.

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.

PRIVACY AND ACCESSIBILITY POLICIES

- Instructure (Canvas)
 - [Instructure Privacy Policy](#)
 - [Instructure Accessibility](#)
- Zoom
 - [Zoom Privacy Policy](#)
 - [Zoom Accessibility](#)

Technical Support

UF Computing Help Desk & Ticket Number: All technical issues require a UF Helpdesk Ticket Number.

The UF Helpdesk is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. <https://helpdesk.ufl.edu/> | 352-392-4357

[UF Syllabus Policy Links - Online Course Syllabi - University of Florida](#)

TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

DATE	SUBJECT
August 21	Introduction to Course – What is the role of this course in your professional development? Preparation for Guest Speakers - Daily Speaker Notes <i>Joel McQuagge and Amie Imler</i>
August 26	Equine Industry Structure and Career Opportunities Overview: Horse Industry <i>Joel McQuagge</i>
August 28	Internships <i>Amie Imler</i>
Sept. 2	Designing and Using a Resume' & Cover Letter <i>Cathy Carr; Director of Alumni & Career Services, College of Ag and Life Sciences</i> http://cals.ufl.edu/
Sept. 4	Beef Cattle Industry Structure and Career Opportunities Overview <i>Dr. Todd Thrift</i>
Sept. 9	Meat Production and Utilization, Food Safety, and Quality Assurance Industry Structure and Career Opportunities Overview <i>Dr. Chad Carr</i>
Sept. 11	Graduate School Panel Dr. Antonio Faciola Dr. Jason Scheffler Allyson Trimble Thachary Mayer
Sept. 16	Careers in Extension <i>Bridget Stice, Livestock Agent and Interim Director, Polk County Extension</i>
Sept. 18	TBA
Sept. 23	Careers in Livestock Reproduction <i>Nicole Falk, Operations Coordinator, Vytelle</i>
Sept. 25	Careers in Animal Health and Pharmaceuticals <i>Sandy Forehand, Southeastern Regional Sales Manager, Dechra US</i>
Sept. 30	Careers in Agricultural Education <i>Jared Prescott, Agriscience Teacher, Okeechobee High School</i>
Oct. 2	Careers in Mixed Animal Veterinary Medicine <i>Dr. Amy Pratt, Owner, Amy's Veterinary Services</i>

DATE	SUBJECT
Oct. 7	TBA
Oct. 9	TBA *Internship Seminar* UF/IFAS Straughn Center from 5:00 – 7:00 PM MANDATORY ATTENDANCE
Oct. 14	TBA
Oct. 16	TBA
Oct. 21	TBA
Oct. 23	Careers in Animal Services Chloe Fawcett, Animal Services Specialist, Orange County
Oct. 28	TBA
Oct. 30	Careers in the Poultry Industry Macey Farinha, Feed Mill Transportation Supervisor, Wayne-Sanderson Farms
Nov. 4	TBA
Nov. 6	TBA
Nov. 11	NO CLASS – VETERANS DAY
Nov. 13	Careers in Nutrition and Sales Lacey Griffin, General Field Representative, Cargill
Nov. 18	TBA
Nov. 20	Careers in Equine Veterinary Medicine Dr. Liz Steele, Owner, Steele Equine
Nov. 25	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Nov. 27	NO CLASS – THANKSGIVING BREAK
Dec. 2	***Class Wrap-Up***
Dec. 4	NO CLASS – READING DAY