

ANSC 3550 Judging: Livestock

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TR 2:45 – 5:00

Bld: Animal Science Room: 103

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OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide students with an improved working knowledge of the procedures for evaluation and selection of breeding and market livestock.
2. To train students in the areas of decision making, teamwork, and public speaking.
3. To educate students to properly articulate decisions through oral reasons.
4. To prepare contestants for participation in national collegiate livestock judging contests.

GRADING:

Students will be graded on a curve, based upon judging accuracy, participation, short quizzes, midterm, homework and a final exam.

Approximate breakdown of points:

Judging Classes/Reasons	50 points X 50 classes	=2500 points
Attendance/Class Participation	50 points X 29 days	=1450 points
CSU/NJC Contest – 12 classes, 8 reasons	1000 points X 1	=1000 points
Quizzes	100 points X 4	= 400 points
Homework		= 300 points
Final Exam – 8 classes, 6 sets of reasons	700 points X 1	= <u>700 points</u>
	TOTAL	6350 points

A = 92.0% of Highest Individual's Score

B = 84.0% of Highest Individual's Score

C = 76.0% of Highest Individual's Score

D = 68.0% of Highest Individual's Score

MAKE UP POLICY:

There will be limited opportunities to make up class time. Due to the hands-on nature of this class, it is pertinent to attend class unless it is absolutely necessary to be absent. Please inform the instructor ahead of time if you are going to be absent, so make-up time can be arranged during practices with the traveling team. **Full credit make-up will only be allowed for University excused absences.**

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE: (subject to change)

Day	Date	Activity
Tues.	8-28	Syllabus and introduction – Quiz #1
Thurs.	8-30	Reasons/Notes – Animal Science Room 103
Tues.	9-4	Beef Evaluation – Animal Science Room 103
Thurs.	9-6	Sheep Evaluation – Animal Science Room 103
Tues.	9-11	Swine Evaluation – Animal Science Room 103
Thurs.	9-13	Sheep – Quiz #2
Tues.	9-18	Swine
Thurs.	9-20	Picture classes or reasons writing – <i>Traveling w/ Sr Team</i>
Tues.	9-25	Beef
Thurs.	9-27	Performance Data – Animal Science Room 103
Tues.	10-2	Beef
Thurs.	10-4	Swine
Tues.	10-9	Beef
Thurs.	10-11	Sheep
Tues.	10-16	Swine – Quiz #3
Thurs.	10-18	Beef
Sat.	10-20	<i>CSU/NJC Practice Contest – Ft Collins, CO (midterm)</i>
Tues.	10-23	Sheep
Thurs.	10-25	Swine
Tues.	10-30	Sheep
Thurs.	11-1	Picture classes or reasons writing – <i>Traveling w/ Sr Team</i>
Tues.	11-6	Beef
Thurs.	11-8	Meat Lab
Tues.	11-13	Picture classes or reasons writing – <i>Traveling w/ Sr Team</i>
Thurs.	11-15	Swine – Quiz #4
Tues.	11-20	Beef
Thurs.	11-22	<i>Thanksgiving Break – no class</i>
Tues.	11-27	Market Lambs, Hogs, & Steers
Thurs.	11-29	Swine
Tues.	12-4	Sheep
Thurs.	12-6	Meat Lab - Last day of class
Tues.	12-11	FINAL EXAM – 3:30 p.m. (or the morning of Sat. 12-8)

Students with a Disability: If you have a physical, learning, or psychological disability and require accommodations, please let the instructor know as soon as possible. You must register with, and provide documentation of your disability to University Disability Support Services (UDSS) in SEO, room 330 Knight Hall.

Academic Dishonesty: The University of Wyoming is built upon a strong foundation of integrity, respect and trust. All members of the university community have a responsibility to be honest and the right to expect honesty from others. Any form of academic dishonesty is unacceptable to our community and will not be tolerated. Teachers and students should report suspected violations of standards of academic honesty to the instructor, department head, or dean. Other University regulations can be found at:

<http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/legal/universityregulations.htm>

TRAVELING LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM:

All students enrolled in ANSC 3550 are invited to participate on the traveling livestock judging team. There are many benefits to be gained by participating on the traveling team. Students will travel to various national contests to represent the University of Wyoming's Animal Science department, and gain a deeper understanding of livestock judging in a competitive setting. Students participating on the traveling team will further develop their livestock judging and reasons giving abilities. As with most extra-curricular activities, there are certain eligibility requirements that must be met.

Eligibility:

- ◆ Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
- ◆ Must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours the semester prior to and the semester of traveling/competing.
- ◆ Must have been enrolled for at least one semester at UW before competing in a Sr. College Contest.

Time Commitment

Additional practice times will be set up to better prepare for contests. Additional practice times, as needed, will be on Monday or Wednesday afternoons, along with most Saturdays. Most all Monday and Wednesday practices during the semester will be held at the Animal Science Building or the UW farms. Saturday practice times will vary according to the distance required for travel for the practice. Practices will also be held during school breaks in preparation for contests in the Spring Semester. Participation in a couple of fundraisers will also be required for those on the traveling team.

Here is a tentative list of the spring contests:

Arizona National Livestock Show	Phoenix, AZ	December	Class days missed - 0
National Western Stock Show	Denver, CO	January	Class days missed - 2
Sioux Empire Farm Show	Sioux Falls, SD	Jan./Feb.	Class days missed - 2
Iowa Beef Expo	Des Moines, IA	February	Class days missed - 1
Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic	Kearney, NE	February	Class days missed - 1
Houston Livestock Show	Houston, TX	March	Class days missed - 4