

ANIMAL SCIENCE 4500-07

Beef Leadership

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Fridays 3:10 – 5:00 PM in Stratton Conference Room (AB 106) unless otherwise notified

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COURSE OBJECTIVE:

The course objective is to develop leadership skills in those committed to a future career in the beef cattle industry. This will involve interaction with current industry leaders as guest speakers or through travel/field trips where students will be exposed to different leadership styles and approaches to leading the industry. Ultimately, this course should allow you to transform what you've learned in the classroom, and help to develop a forward vision to act as a catalyst for change in a changing industry.

TRAVEL/FIELD TRIPS:

Most meetings of the course will involve interaction with invited guests, which will be on campus and no travel will be required. However, we are planning on three travel/field trips during the course of the semester. Due to travel involved, these field trips may be an all-day event and will likely require you to miss class. Official University Authorized Absence forms (i.e. Yellow Slips) will be given for those travel days.

GRADING:

GROUP PRESENTATION AND INTERACTION PLAN: (100)

Students will be divided into small groups (approximately 3-5 students, TBA) assigned by the instructors which will be charged with preparing a background presentation for one of the field trips in the course. Presentations will be given during the class period prior to each scheduled field trip (TBA). Presentations should be 15-20 minutes in length, and focus on providing sufficient background, history, etc. of that leader's organization. Presentations MUST involve all members of the group, although students will be evaluated individually on the quality of their presentation and contribution to the overall project.

Following the presentation, the group will lead the class in formulating an interaction plan (background info, potential questions, etc.) for the subsequent field trip. Based upon that discussion, the group will prepare a 1-page handout to include important details from their presentation along with a list of suggested questions/topics for fellow students to address during the field trip. This interaction plan will be due no later than 24 hours prior to departure on the field trip, as copies of these interaction plans will be handed out to each student before departing on the field trip.

PARTICIPATION: (200 pts)

Students should take full advantage of the opportunity provided to interact with invited leaders by asking questions and actively networking with these invited guests. Thus class attendance and active participation in class discussion are an integral part of this course, and are required for full participation credit. Students are REQUIRED to attend ALL meetings of the course, including field trips. Missing class/field trips will be detrimental not only to the student, but also to those industry leaders committing a portion of their valuable time to this course.

Students will have 25 points deducted for each failure to attend any meeting of the course, whether excused or unexcused absences. However, students can regain some or all of those lost participation points by either 1) preparing a written report on the invited leader including background on their organization and what qualities they possess that have made them a leader in the beef industry, or 2) attending another beef industry-related seminar pre-approved by one of the instructors, and providing a written summary and evaluation of that presentation. These written reports must be typed and not exceed 2 pages in length. Writing style must be professional, using complete sentences arranged in paragraph form with proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Note that writing quality will factor into the final grade on the assignment. Make-up reports will be due no later than the beginning of the class meeting immediately following the absence unless otherwise arranged with the instructor(s). Writing assignments turned in after that deadline will not be considered.

GRADING SUMMARY:

TOTAL POINTS:

<u>Graded Activity</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Grade*</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Pts Needed</u>
Group Presentation	100	A	90%	≥ 270
<u>Participation</u>	<u>200</u>	B	80%	240 – 269
Total	300	C	70%	210 – 239
		D	60%	180 – 209
		F	< 60%	< 180

*Grade ranges are subject to change at the discretion of the instructors.

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. An act is academically dishonest when, and only when, it is an act attempted or performed in order to misrepresent one’s involvement in an academic task in any way. Any form of academic dishonesty is unacceptable to our community and WILL NOT BE TOLERATED in this course. Likewise, you should not be expected to tolerate academic dishonesty by your fellow classmates. Suspected violations of standards of academic honesty should be immediately reported to the Instructor, Department Head, or Dean. Any student suspected of academic dishonesty will be dealt with appropriately and promptly, which may include immediate dismissal from the course with a failing grade and prosecution to the fullest extent of University policy. For more information regarding policies on academic dishonesty at the University of Wyoming, please refer to UW Regulation 6-802 or the General Bulletin.

DISABILITY STATEMENT:

If you have a physical, learning, or psychological disability and require accommodations, please let the instructor know as soon as possible. You are encouraged to contact University Disability Support Services (Rm 330 Knight Hall) for assistance. Students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources may also seek the assistance of the Office of Student Success (Rm 139 Ag C) through the College’s Academic and Student Programs Office (Rm 160 Ag C).