

Reedley College Animal Science Program
Course Syllabus – Spring 2010

Course Number & Name: AS 40 – Fairs & Expositions **Section Number:** 50316 (Lopes) 50315 (Loya)

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Class Meets:

Lecture: Friday, 2:00 – 2:50 pm Lab: Friday, 3:00 – 5:50 pm
Attendance will also be required during the Great Western Livestock Show in Tulare, March 12-14, 2010.

Optional Dates:

- CPPA Pork Spectacular Swine Show & Sale in Merced - February 5 & 6
- California Ram Sale – April
- Round Robin Showmanship Judges for Tulare 4-H Fair – May
- Round Robin Showmanship Judges for Porterville Fair - May
- Others TBA

Holidays: Holidays will be observed as per the State Center Community College District Schedule.

Drop Deadline:

The last day to drop this course is **Friday, March 12th**. After this date, the student must receive a grade.

Final Exam Date: **Wednesday, May 19th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Prerequisites: None. **Units:** 2 Units; 4 hours (1 lecture & 3 lab hours per week)

Text & Other Required Materials:

The Great Western Livestock Show Premium Book will serve as the text for this course. Reference materials will include various breed journals, sire directories, and websites. A Writing Utensil (pen or pencil) is required!

Method for Measuring Student Advancement and Determining Grades

The methods for measuring students' achievement & determining grades are:

Skill Demonstrations

Class Performance, Field & Lab Work
Great Western Livestock Show
Round Robin Showmanship
Lab Skills Final

Writing Assignment

Laboratory Reports
Fair Entries

Examinations

Final Exam

Grading Scale: A = 90-100%, B = 80-89%, C = 70-79%, D = 60-69%, F = under 59%.

Additional Requirements:

Additional evaluation factors include course participation (lecture & lab), hours of work on project, teamwork skills, participation in college showmanship contests.

- Must have a minimum of **72 hours** for a passing grade in the class.
- Must be enrolled in a minimum of **12 units** during the current semester and have a **2.0 GPA** to participate on the Livestock Show Team at fairs.

Behavioral Standards:

All students are expected to act in a mature, responsible manner that respects the rights of all other students, the instructor, and any guest presenters that may participate in the class. All cell phones and other electronic gadgets that may cause distraction are to be turned "off" during lecture and lab sessions.

Cheating & Plagiarism:

In keeping with the philosophy that students are entitled to the best education available, and in compliance with Board Policy 5410, each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort toward attaining an education. Violations of this policy will result in disqualification for the course.

Accommodation Statement:

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

Course Description:

A practical field course to introduce students to the subject of fairs, sales, and expositions, their rules, regulations, judging, scoring, and entry procedures for livestock and horses. Emphasis will be placed on exhibiting, showmanship, and management of animals on display in a public setting.

Lecture & Laboratory Topics:

See attached spreadsheets for lecture & lab topics, student assessment methods and respective point values.

Learning Objectives:

The student will:

- Select animals that are appropriate for show projects by evaluating strengths and weaknesses in conformation
- Apply safe and ethical animal handling techniques to the management, care and exhibition of a selected species of livestock
- Perform basic veterinary procedures commonly required for optimal management and care of a selected livestock species
- Apply a high level of work ethic, time management skills, and teamwork to the attainment of group goals and objectives
- Identify and correctly utilize the facilities, equipment, tools, and supplies needed for the successful management, care, and exhibition of a selected livestock species
- Determine the appropriate division and class categories (by species, age, and purpose) for a selected species of livestock by using a fair premium book
- Complete and submit livestock show entries
- Work in group settings to establish and accomplish team goals
- Train, feed, groom and prepare livestock for exhibition
- Discuss major issues, trends, and challenges facing the livestock show industry

AS 40 - Fairs & Expositions
Topic Outline - Spring 2010

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Topic (listed in approximate order to be addressed)*	Estimated Number of Lec/Lab Sessions**	Assessment Method (Associated Assignment, Test, Other ...)	Estimated Point Value
Course Introduction & Syllabus Review	0.5	Syllabus Review Form	100
Procedures for Moving, Loading & Handling Livestock Safely & Efficiently***	1	Student Lab Report	100
Evaluation & Selection of Show Projects	0.5	Assignment	50
Livestock Show Entries	0.5	Completed Entry Forms	50
Livestock Performance Records & Health Maintenance***	1	Student Lab Reports	100
Showmanship Skill Development & Practice***	2	Student Lab Reports	300
Washing, Grooming, & Fitting Livestock for Show	1	Student Lab Reports	100
Showmanship Knowledge	0.5	Assignment	50
Ethics in the Livestock Industry	0.5	Assignment	50
Livestock Show Schedule & Procedures	0.5	Assignment	50
Great Western Livestock Show @ Tulare, CA	1	Participation & Skill Performance	500
Round Robin Showmanship Skills - Beef Cattle	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
Round Robin Showmanship Skills - Swine	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
Round Robin Showmanship Skills - Sheep	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
Round Robin Showmanship Skills - Goats	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
Round Robin Showmanship Skills - Horses	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
Round Robin Showmanship Skills - Dairy Cattle (@ CSU Fresno)	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
District Holidays (Lincoln)	1	Participation & Skill Performance	100
Final Exam - Lecture	1	Scantron Exam	250
Final Exam - Lab	1	Practical Skills Demonstration	250
Semester Totals	18		2,550

* The exact order of topics will vary according to the availability of necessary resources and other factors.

** Some lab activities may be split over two or more lab sessions in order to provide ample opportunity for student practice. Also, multiple topics may be addressed during any one lab session. These numbers reflect the relative proportion of time (lecture & lab combined) to be spent on each respective topic throughout the course of the semester.

*** These topics will be addressed during all lab activities involving the use of animals.

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Course Syllabus Review Verification
& Expectations Statement

I, _____, do hereby verify that I have received and reviewed a copy of the
course syllabus for **AS 40 – Fairs & Expositions**. Furthermore, I understand that:

- Individuals who consistently exhibit excellent time management skills, proficiency in communication, and a high level of work ethic are highly valued by employers. Therefore, these skills will be evaluated as part of the grade for this course, particularly during labs.
- I am responsible for attending each class session (lecture & lab) and that I will be dropped from this course if I exceed two (2) absences (lecture & lab combined) prior to the week of the Great Western Livestock Show.
- I will exhibit respect toward all other students, guest speakers, faculty, staff and others associated with this class. Foul language, crude humor, and inappropriate comments directed at others (in regard to ethnicity, religion, economic status, disability, or any other factors) will not be tolerated.
- I am responsible for my own behavior in this class. Excessive disruption of class (including excessive tardies, unexcused departures from class, excessive talking, and/or other disruptive behaviors) may result in being dropped from the course.
- I am responsible for obtaining the appropriate materials needed for this course (A Reedley College Livestock Show Team Shirt and Black Pants). The show shirt will cost me approximately \$40.00.
- I will wear the official Reedley College show uniform (see previous bulleted item) when showing my selected animal (this includes the live placing class and showmanship) at the Great Western Livestock Show.
- I am responsible for turning off (or switching to silent) my cell phone during lecture and lab sessions for this course and that I may not use my cell phone for any reason during tests.
- Makeup work (for both tests and lab activities) will only be allowed in the case of extreme illness, family emergency, or a pre-approved absence (such as a class field trip).
- I am responsible for making up missed tests and assignments within one week after returning from my pre-approved absence (see previous bulleted item).
- I should wear suitable attire and footwear for the lab portion of this course. Shorts and sandals are not appropriate for working with large animals.
- I will not bring my pets to class (including lecture and lab).
- I will be present for a brief 10 minute team meeting at the end of each lab (to review progress with projects, submit lab reports, review weekend responsibilities, and clean up).
- Failure to submit lab reports will result in an “absence” for the day.
- The approximate grade breakdown for this course will be as follows:

Pre Great Western Participation	10%
Great Western Livestock Show	30%
Round Robin Showmanship	30%
Final Exam – Scantron Test	10%
Final Exam (Skills Demonstration Exam)	20%
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Student Signature

Today's Date

Note: This assignment is worth 100 points and must be submitted immediately upon entering the course.