

ADSC 3810
Animal and Dairy Science Orientation
Fall 2009

Class time: Wednesday, 3:35-4:25 PM

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- Goals:
- A) To introduce students to the Animal and Dairy Science program.
 - B) To explore career opportunities in the field of Animal and Dairy Science.
 - C) To begin to develop personal communication skills necessary in the work place.

Grading: Grades will be assigned based on the total number of points a student obtains during the semester where A = 93 - 100, A- = 90-93, B+ = 87-90, B = 83-87, B- = 80-83, C+ = 77-80, C = 73-78, C- = 70-73, D = 60-70, F = <60.

<i>Criteria</i>	<i>Maximum Possible Points</i>
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Expected of all Students in Class:

Class participation (5 points per class)	70
Resume	3
Critique of resume	2
Interview an Animal Science Professional	5
Other assignments	—

Options for obtaining up to 20 additional points:

(Points can only be obtained once in each area, other than clubs)

*Attend an off-campus livestock function (show, sale, field day, etc.)	3
<i>or</i> work as a volunteer at a livestock function	(or 5)
*Shadow a researcher/technician in the ADS department (2 hr. min)	5
*Locate and report on 10 real jobs currently open in Animal Science	3
*Attend ADS departmental seminar	2
*Attend ADS associated club meeting you are not a member of (B&B, Cattlemen, Dairy, Horseman, Equestrian)	1
*Read <i>How to Win Friends and Influence People</i> , Dale Carnegie	5
*Dinner (to be scheduled)	5
*Complete a mock interview with career placement	5
*Others may be added if a good opportunity arises	—

Explanation of assignments:

Class participation - Class participation is defined as being both physically and mentally present in class.

Resume - **(Due September 9)** Each student will prepare a resume. Along with the resume the student will critique his/her resume focusing on 1) strong points, 2) weak points and 3) things that need to be done before graduation to make this a better resume.

Interview with an Animal Science Professional - **(Due November 4)** Each student will interview an Animal Science Professional (this cannot be a staff member in UGA Animal Science) and write a 2-3 page paper about that person. This paper should include information about the person's background and what is involved in the person's current job. Grade is based 50% on content and 50% on grammar. The paper should be 12 point font, single spaced. Format can be either in story form or as an interview.

Credit for optional points must be claimed by November 18 unless prior approval is given. Credit may be claimed only once for each category. (Exception: You can receive credit for attending meetings of different clubs)

A list of options for obtaining the remainder of points for a grade is used for two reasons: 1) People are different and prefer different types of work. 2) People have different needs. The objective of these options is to get students out of the classroom and exposed to various other aspects of animal science.

Attending livestock functions - Students may attend one of several off-campus events. Students with a strong background in one area need to attend a function in another area. For example, a student from a purebred beef operation needs to attend a horse show or a swine sale. Extra points are available if the student actually works at the event. (Points can be claimed for **one** (1) event.)

Shadow a researcher/technician - Students will need to spend time as the guest of a researcher/technician to see first-hand what is involved in lab work. You will be a guest and as such you need to be considerate. Do not wait to the last minute and expect someone to welcome you.

Locate 10 jobs – Turn in copies of ten (10) current job announcements. Jobs must be suitable for someone with a B.S. in Animal Science. No credit will be given for minimum wage jobs or openings that are not readily available to college graduates. Multiple openings of the same type position by the same company count as one job.

Attend Departmental Seminars - Times and dates are usually posted to the student list serve.

Go to a club meeting - This is a great way to meet people. Involvement in student organizations is also a great resume builder.

Read *How to Win Friends and Influence People* - This is an easy-to-read classic on interpersonal relations. Near the end of the semester, those who have read the book will be given a brief exam to receive this credit.

Attend dinner - Near the end of the semester we will have a dinner with a speaker.

Mock Interview - Participate in a practice (mock) interview at the Career Center. (see: <http://www.career.uga.edu/STUDENTS/mockinterviews.html>)

Other activities - Credit may be given for participation in additional events as opportunities present themselves. Students are encouraged to suggest alternatives and to bring in dates and information on activities.

Course content includes:

- Guest speakers will be invited to discuss their experiences in the Animal Science industry
- Development of resumes
- Animal & Dairy Science course requirements
- History of Agricultural Colleges
- Personality types and job preferences
- Student resources available to students in Animal & Dairy Science
- Extracurricular activities available to students

The course syllabus is a general plan for the course; deviations announced to the class by the instructor may be necessary.

All academic work must meet the standards contained in "A Culture of Honesty." Students are responsible for informing themselves about those standards before performing any academic work. (See: http://www.uga.edu/honesty/ahpd/culture_honesty.htm)