

ANSC 48100 -- Contemporary Issues in Animal Sciences
Fall Semester 2009
Course Syllabus

Tuesdays at 2:30, 3:30, or 4:30
in LILY 3-102

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

ANSC 48100 (0.5 cr; first 8 weeks of fall semester) and 48300 (0.5 cr; first 8 weeks of spring semester) constitute a senior seminar class with industry-led and student-led discussions and debates of current issues in the animal industry, requires team presentations and enhances student communication and industry networking skills. ANSC 48100 emphasizes industry networking, whereas ANSC 48300 emphasizes industry issues, including environmental impact, food safety, animal care and well-being, ethics, use of biotechnology, world food supply, and international trade issues. Students will share their experiences with each other from course work, internships, research problems, study abroad and club activities as they address contemporary issues facing the animal industries.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To gain a better understanding of contemporary issues in the animal science industry by having industry led discussions and debate.
2. To enhance teamwork and problem solving skills in addressing current issues encountered by the animal industry.
3. To establish professional contacts for solving industry related problems and to enhance professional networking.
4. To improve presentation and communication skills.
5. To gain an appreciation for the value of life-long learning and how to find appropriate resources to solve problems in industry.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. **Send an email** to Pat Jonas (jonasp@purdue.edu) by **Thursday, August 27** with the following information: major (option), expected graduation date, your summer 2009 job / work experience, and your immediate career goal following graduation. **Use ‘ANSC 48100’ in the subject line of your email message.**
2. **Prepare a résumé** for the Senior Résumé book and career web site. A draft is due **September 1**. The final version is due **September 15**; Submit an original hard copy and e-mail a copy to jonasp@purdue.edu . You must enter your final résumé on the Center for Career Opportunities web page (www.cco.purdue.edu). Final copies will be prepared for the Senior Résumé book that will be distributed at the Career Fair. **Please let us know if you do not want your résumé distributed.**
3. **Letter due Sept 29** – Write a cover letter for industry or a personal statement for professional school (veterinary or graduate school). This must be reviewed and signed by a professor or graduate student or DVM student.
4. **Attend the Book Harmon Seminar, October 14 at 12:00 or 3:30, James Herbert, CEO, Neogen in Pfindler or a workshop or seminar on animal-related research or contemporary issues in the animal industry.** You must submit the completed the “Workshop/Seminar Attendance & Participation Form” to Barry or Pat Jonas by October 23. See Barry to request an approved alternative seminar.
5. **Attendance and classroom participation are required** and highly important to the success of the course; therefore, each student is expected to attend all classes (see details for the attendance policy at the bottom of the syllabus).

CLASS SCHEDULE:

August 25	Introduction, assignments, resumes and senior to do list – A. Grant & B. Delks.
September 1	Industry Issues Discussion- A. Grant. Senior pictures, Phil Reid (dress appropriately and arrive to class early). Draft résumés due – B. Delks.
September 8	CCO Express and resume preparation – Cher Yazvac, CCO & Linda Austin, COA.
September 15	Writing an Excellent Cover Letter or Personal Statement, Delks, Ottinger, CCO Final résumé (identify specific area) due (email copy to jonasp@purdue.edu ; turn in a hard copy in class; submit résumés on CCO). Permission to post résumés and photos – B. Delks.
September 22	Graduate School/Vet. School Panel.
September 29	Mark Thornburg, Director of Legal Affairs, Indiana Farm Bureau Cover letter or personal statement due in class to Barry.
October 6	Contemporary Issues Industry Panel (IAMS, Pfizer, ANIMALIA, LD, Smithfield) & Career Fair; Also....Industry networking with company representatives – 5:30-6:30 pm.
October 13	Fall Break
October 14	Wednesday 12:00 or 3:30, James Herbert, CEO, Neogen, Book Harmon Seminar, Pfindler.
October 20	M. Diekman, Outcome assessment.

COURSE GRADING:

<u>Course Work Associated with Grading</u>	<u>Points</u>
Forum/Workshop/Seminar	100
Résumé	100
Cover letter or personal statement	100 (must be reviewed first)
Class Participation / Attendance	200
TOTAL	500

Class Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

A+	97-100%	A	93-96.9%	A-	90-92.9%
B+	87-89.9%	B	83-86.9%	B-	80-82.9%
C+	77-79.9%	C	73-76.9%	C-	70-72.9%
D+	67-69.9%	D	63-66.9%	D-	60-62.9%
F	< 60%				

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