

## **ANS 6905 – Prob. in Animal Sci. (RUMINANT NUTRITION JOURNAL CLUB)**

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### **Course Instructors**

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### **Course Time and Location**

Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in room 102 Dairy Science Building. Online access to meetings is available via Zoom Meeting for students located at research stations.

### **Office Hours**

Please schedule an appointment by e-mail to ensure instructor availability; open door policy for urgent enquiries only.

### **Course Description**

This course is focused on student-led scientific discussions of peer-reviewed published literature related to ruminant nutrition. Several aspects of scientific writing will be discussed, including: title, abstract, introduction, objectives, hypotheses, experimental design, methods, results, and implications. Students will also be provided with insights into the peer-review process. Credits: 1

### **Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to read, understand, and critically evaluate peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts. Students should also gain a better understanding of how the peer-review process works.

### **Grades and Grading Policy**

Letter grading (A, B, C, etc.) based on attendance, participation, and article discussion. In order to earn an “A”, expectations for each student are:

1. to attend all meetings unless absence is approved by the instructors;
2. to select a relevant paper for discussion (published in the last three years, in reputable peer-reviewed journals, not from the department, and outside the students’ main area of research);
3. to provide a one-page written critique of the selected paper with a minimum of 24h before class;
4. to lead the discussion;
5. and to participate in class discussions.

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points:  
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

### **Absence and Make-up Work**

Class attendance is required. Prior notice is required, when possible, if you are absent. Requirements are consistent with university policies that can be found at:  
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

### **Academic Honesty**

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: *"We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."* You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: *"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks. Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see:  
<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/SCCR/honorcodes/honorcode.php>.

### **Online Course Evaluation**

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at the end of the semester at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>.

### **Software Use**

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

### **Services for Students with Disabilities**

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)

### **Campus Helping Resources**

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- *University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, [www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/)*
  - Counseling Services
  - Groups and Workshops
  - Outreach and Consultation
  - Self-Help Library
  - Wellness Coaching
- U Matter We Care, [www.umatter.ufl.edu/](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/)

*Career Resource Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, [www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)*

### **Student complaints:**

**Residential Course:** [https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF\\_Complaints\\_policy.pdf](https://www.dso.ufl.edu/documents/UF_Complaints_policy.pdf)

**Online Course:** <http://www.distance.ufl.edu/student-complaint-process>