



ANSC 261
Pet Nutrition
Course Information and Syllabus



BACKGROUND:	ANSC 261 is a 3 credit, lecture course designed for Animal Science majors and non-majors who desire a broad overview of the principles of nutrition as they are applied to companion animals and pets.												
COURSE OBJECTIVES:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Think critically; use quantitative reasoning, skeptical inquiry and the scientific approach to solve problems in companion animal nutrition. 2. Effectively communicate scientific ideas orally and through writing 3. Demonstrate knowledge of major scientific concepts, social, economic and ethical implications in animal nutrition 4. Work collaboratively and independently, learning from diverse perspectives to assimilate knowledge and synthesize new solutions and ways of thinking. 5. To provide the basis for an understanding of the role animal nutrition plays in the health of companion animals and pets. 												
TEXTBOOK: optional	Principles of Companion Animal Nutrition. John P. McNamara. Pearson Prentice Hall												
INSTRUCTOR:	<p>Dr. Lesa Griffiths Office: 48 Townsend Hall E-mail address: lesa@udel.edu</p>												
GRADING SYSTEM:	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Disc Attendance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First (Midterm) Exam</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Second (Final) Exam (not comprehensive)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Project</td> <td style="text-align: right;">100</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Hmwk</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>75</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Points</td> <td style="text-align: right;">390</td> </tr> </table> <p>A +/- grading system will be employed. The translation of numerical scores to letter grades for the semester will approximate:</p> <p>93% (363+ points) = A 89-92% (347 points) = A- 85-88% (332 points) =B+ 81-84% (316 points) = B 77-80% (300 points) = B- 73-76% (285 points) = C+ 69-72% (269 points) = C 65-68% (254 points) = C-</p>	Disc Attendance	15	First (Midterm) Exam	100	Second (Final) Exam (not comprehensive)	100	Project	100	<u>Hmwk</u>	<u>75</u>	Total Points	390
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	<p>61-64% (238 points) = D+</p> <p>57-60% (223 points) = D</p> <p>53-56% (207 points) = D-</p> <p>(less than 207 points) = F</p>
EXAM POLICY:	<p>It is the course policy NOT to schedule make-up exams. Only under <u>extenuating</u> circumstances will make-ups be administered. You must schedule a make-up exam BEFORE the regular exam date (must have advance notice and written excuse).</p>
ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:	<p>You are encouraged to become familiar with the University's Policy of Academic Dishonesty and Disruptive Conduct found at http://www.udel.edu/stuguide/14-15/code.html . You may use a laptop in class to take notes but checking email and the use of cell phones and other electronic devices and interacting with FB , Twitter YikYak and other forms of social media during class is considered to be disruptive.</p>
SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS:	<p>If you have a certifiable disability that may affect your class performance, please inform me privately before the third class day so appropriate arrangements can be made.</p>
REFERENCES:	<p>Manual of Companion Animal Nutrition and Feeding. Kelly and Willis. BSAVA . 1996</p> <p>NRC Nutrient Requirements series</p> <p>The Nutrition of the Rabbit. Edited by C. de Blas and J. Wiseman. CABI International. 1998.</p>

