

AN367

Student Directed Livestock Practicum I

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Calendar Description

Second Year Animal Science Technology students are placed in approved agricultural business or production enterprises for a three week period between first and second year studies to gain practical work experience. This practicum is followed up with a one hour per week tutorial in the fall academic semester. P/F.

Rationale

This is an elective course in the Animal Science Technology program that is an option to AN 365. It allows students to apply theoretical knowledge and practical skills in real life situations. This opportunity allows students to work closely with industry mentors.

Prerequisites

All first year Animal Science Technology courses, or a diploma in Agribusiness, Crop Technology or Animal Health Technology.

Co-Requisites

None

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. integrate and apply knowledge and skills learned in other courses.
2. actively engage and network with industry.
3. implement sound decision making individually and in a work environment.
4. participate in the daily functions of an agricultural enterprise.
5. describe the processes involved in the production/creation of the goods/services the enterprise offers to its customers.
6. accomplish enterprise specific goals and objectives set out by the student, practicum coordinator and supervisor at the enterprise.
7. create and deliver a presentation to the first and second year Animal Science Technology Student peers.

Resource Materials

Required Textbook(s):

None

Reference Textbook(s):

None

Conduct of Course

1. Students must complete a minimum of 120 hours at the practicum location.
2. Students work on mutually agreeable schedule with their practicum location.
3. Students adhere to dress code and safety protocol of the chosen practicum location.
4. Students/employers are required to arrange between themselves all terms of the student's employment including compensation, hours of work, insurance, WCB, etc.
5. Students follow up with 1 hour/week during the fall college academic term in tutorials.
6. Students must create and deliver a presentation to their first and second-year Animal Science Technology student peers.
7. Students must complete the practicum and tutorial components of the course to successfully complete the course.

Evaluation Procedures

The assigned grade for this course is either a Pass "P" or a Fail "F".

To receive a pass grade you must achieve completion of Course Learning Outcomes 1-5 as evaluated by the Practicum coordinator in consultation with the supervising individual at the agricultural enterprise. In addition, the student must meet a satisfactory grade in the preparation and delivery of a presentation to their peers and instructors, detailing their practicum. Expectations and a grading rubric are made available to them prior to that presentation.

Lakeland College is committed to the highest academic standards. Students are expected to be familiar with Lakeland College policies related to academic conduct and academic honesty and to abide by these policies. Violations of these policies are considered to be serious and may result in suspension or expulsion from the College.

Grade Equivalents and Course Pass Requirements

This is a pass/fail course.

Attendance

Classroom and laboratory attendance is considered vital to the learning process and as significant to the students' evaluation as examinations and reports, therefore absenteeism is recorded.

- a. Students having a combination of excused and/or unexcused absence of 20 percent or higher for the scheduled course hours can be required to withdraw and would then automatically receive a "RW" (required withdrawal) for the course, regardless of any other evaluation results. (RW is a failing grade).
- b. An excused absence is one that is verified with your instructor. Verification should be prior to the absence or the next class day following the absence. Verification of the absence may take the form of a note from your doctor/College nurse regarding illness, or a note from another instructor regarding a field trip or other activity, or authorization by your instructor following an in-person meeting. Be sure to contact your instructor and ask what they will require from you as verification for each absence. An unexcused absence is anything NOT verified by the instructor prior to the absence or the next class day following the absence.

NOTE: Any exceptions to the above attendance policy (e.g. timetable conflicts, work-related issues) must be approved in writing by the Department Chair prior to the beginning of the course.

It is the students' responsibility to know their own absentee record.

Normal hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with potential for evening courses, exams or extended field trips. Students are expected to be available for classes during these times.

Course Units/Topics

Topics are decided upon by the instructor in consultation with students. They may include:

- Information management
- Customer service
- Effective presentations



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