

Welcome to Animal Science 310- Man and Animal Interaction

Class Times	MWF 9:00 – 9:50 AM
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Final Exam	Wednesday, December 16 8:00 AM – 9:50 AM

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Interaction of man with companion, domestic, and wild animals. Consideration of wide ranging societal concerns including food production, companionship benefits, impact of wild animals in urban and rural settings, animal and human disease risks, and animal welfare and rights issues.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Explore the human interaction with animals including companion, domestic, and wild
- Investigate the definitions of animal welfare and animal rights
- Describe the pros and cons of a controversial animal issue in animal science.
- Develop an open mindedness to critically evaluate production practices from different points of view.
- Communicate effectively in a professional matter, using clear writing skills.

COURSE TEXT and OTHER MATERIALS

- The class will use Western Online for distribution of course materials. Outlines and/or PowerPoint Presentations for class will be posted on this page in Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf) format
- The Latte Factor – David Bach – Purchase online through Amazon or similar – Audio, written, or physical copy acceptable
- Optional: Animals Make Us Human – Temple Grandin

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

In this course, I expect you to expand upon your basic animal knowledge and to critically examine the topic of this course with an unbiased mindset. In the end, you will be able to explain the basics of the animal interaction with humans to individuals with differing views.

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COURSE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

I expect you to attend every class on time and be ready to effectively contribute. In order to help prepare you for post-graduation responsibility, I will not accept late assignments or provide make-up tests, homework, quizzes, projects, or etc. A lecture exam exception may be made only with University recognized emergency (instructor must be notified within 24 hours of exam date and time) or official school business if instructor is notified at least one week in advance. In order to provide course accessibility, lecture material will be distributed on Western Online. Please make it your responsibility to check Western Online before each lecture for any updates that may occur. There may be times when assignments or quizzes are presented online or in class without prior notice. This is to insure your attendance in lecture and ensure that you are taking responsibility for your learning in the course. If you choose to miss class or forget to check the course Western Online which results in missed graded points, you will not be given an alternative assignment. If you do miss class, it is your responsibility to check with a classmate upon your return to see what you may have missed.

Attendance will be taken for points on occasion in lecture. Each unexcused absence will result in a ten point reduction in overall final score in the course.

Students with disabilities: In accordance with University values and disability law, students with disabilities may request academic accommodations where there are aspects of a course that result in barriers to inclusion or accurate assessment of achievement. To file an official request for disability-related accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 309-298-2512, disability@wiu.edu or in 143 Memorial Hall. Please notify the instructor as soon as possible to ensure that this course is accessible to you in a timely manner.

Maintaining high ethical standards is of utmost importance, not only for this class, but as a student, in a professional career, and in your personal life. I expect everyone in this class to uphold Code of Student Conduct in Student Handbook and be familiar with all applicable policies including but not limited to academic dishonesty and disruptive behavior. Any breach of this code will result in, at minimum, a failing grade for the course. To access the Policy, please visit <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/acintegrity.php> In addition, students have certain rights and responsibilities to be aware of as seen online at: <http://www.wiu.edu/provost/students.php>. Tobacco use of any form is not allowed during class and texting is prohibited. No animals except for service animals are allowed in lecture class or lab.

University values, Title IX, and other federal and state laws prohibit sex discrimination, including sexual assault/misconduct, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. If you, or someone you know, has been the victim of any of these offenses, we encourage you to report this to the Title IX Coordinator at 309-298-1977 or anonymously online at: http://www.wiu.edu/equal_opportunity_and_access/request_form/index.php. If you disclose an incident to a faculty member, the faculty member must notify the Title IX

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<http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/policies/titleIX.php>.

Students should have coverage for major medical, surgical and emergency expenses, either through their parents/guardians, or a personal health insurance policy. WIU Health Services provides outpatient medical attention to all students; additional health services are available at a low cost.

Attention Education Majors:

The changes within the state teaching license require all education majors to receive a grade of a "C-" or better in this course in order to meet these new requirements. With the university +/- grading system, receiving a "D+" or below will require you to retake this course or find a substitute course to meet School of Agriculture graduation requirements.

OFFICE HOURS

I am very happy to meet with you during office hours and to confer with you by email (please use your wiu.edu address). Office hours will be virtual either via zoom or phone unless otherwise scheduled. If your schedule prohibits you from attending my office hours, please make an appointment or if my door is open just stop by. Please come prepared and it always to best to come before you have a serious problem. You will find that if you put forth a deserving positive effort, I will do my absolute best to help you succeed.

COURSE GRADING

Final grade in class based on a percentage of total possible points accumulated in both lecture and laboratory. A class curve may be used.

A. Graded Items

Lecture	Points	Description
Quizzes	100	5 total @ 25 points each; drop lowest
Assessment	20	Sign up for one
Ethogram	25	Assignment
Discussions	100	5 total @ 20 points each
Reflections	30	6 total @5 points each
Animal Handling Project	100	Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dog and Cat – Sept/October
Final Debate	100	Final two weeks of course
Latte Factor Project	50	Final Exam Period
Total	495	

- Individual scores will be recorded on Western Online for student's information only and are NOT the final grade determination. Any discrepancy in Western Online scores need to be brought to the

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instructor's attention early in the quarter in order for any correction to be made prior to the end of the quarter.

B. Final grade - minimum percentages.

A	=	94-100%
A-	=	90 – 93.99%
B+	=	87 – 89.99%
B	=	84 – 86.99%
B-	=	80 - 83.99%
C	=	70 – 79.99%
D	=	60%

At the end of the quarter, grade percentage breaks may be lowered, but never raised.

Course Adjustments Due to Pandemic

- Facial masks must be worn in class – no exceptions.
- Attendance will be taken for face to face classes to assist with contact tracing should this become necessary.
- I will be limiting my time on campus and will be working from home as much as I can. I will respond to emails as quickly as I can.
- Most assignments will be completed and graded online.
- In person office hours will still be available but virtual meetings will be preferred.

Potential Disruptions to Face-to-Face Classes

- It is the intent of WIU to offer face-to-face classes where possible throughout the fall. However, there may be a period where individual faculty members (including myself) will have to self-isolate.
- There is also a risk that the university will have to return to all online course before the semester is over.
- Any disruptions requiring me to move my classes to an online format (whether briefly or for an extended period) will be handled by moving content to Western Online in an asynchronous format. Course notes will be supplemented by brief videos as relevant in such a situation. If we move back as a university to all online, my courses will be offered as an asynchronous online class with weekly check-ins to review key concepts and for discussion. Additional discussion boards may be added as needed.

Positive Actions You Can Take

- Wear your masks when around others and encourage others to do the same.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Think about the risk of social interactions with others – minimize as much as possible.
- Understand we are all in this together. Have patience with everyone as we adjust to this change in our environment.

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