

## Welcome to Animal Science 424 – Physiology of Reproduction and Lactation

<b>Class Times</b>	Lecture: MW 2:00 – 2:50 PM Lab: T 1:00-3:50
<b>Room</b>	Lecture: KH 305 Lab: KH 305
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<b>Final Exam</b>	Monday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM - 4:50 PM

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Principles of physiology and functioning of the endocrine system in relationship to reproduction, infertility, and lactation in farm animals.

### COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Articulate basic organization and function of the female and male reproductive system.
- Demonstrate knowledge of embryogenesis, regulation of reproduction, and puberty.
- Understand the basics of puberty and importance.
- Implement knowledge of reproductive cyclicity into applied systems
- Explore pregnancy, gestation, parturition, and lactation of livestock species.
- Communicate effectively in a professional matter, using clear writing skills.

### COURSE TEXT and OTHER MATERIALS

- Recommended text: *Pathways to Pregnancy and Parturition* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, P. L Senger
- 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.

### COURSE EXPECTATIONS

In this course, I expect you to expand upon your basic reproductive animal knowledge and to critically examine aspects of reproduction with which you are not already familiar. In the end, you will be able to apply reproductive knowledge to livestock production practices.

### 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 an extended absence or an excused absence is necessary, course material you have missed is your responsibility. Students who miss class will be held to the same deadlines as those in class.

Attendance will be taken 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 in the student Development and Success Center at 309-298-2512, [disability@wiu.edu](mailto:disability@wiu.edu) or in 125 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](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 Coordinator. The complete Title IX policy is available at: <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 calpoly.edu address). 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 (each)	Dates
7 Quizzes	30	During Lab (~every 2 weeks)
Assignments	100	TBA/Maybe
Verbal Final	100	Final Exam Period
Lab	100	In lab points
<b>Total</b>	<b>510</b>	

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+ = 77 – 79.99%
- C = 70 – 76.99%
- D = 60%

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

## TECH SUPPORT

- Technical Support for Western Online is provided through the Western Online Brightspace Virtual Assistant by clicking on the **Get Help! link/icon at the bottom right corner of every page** in Western Online.
- Instructions for the Virtual Assistant are posted online at [https://wiu.edu/citr/home/get\\_help.php](https://wiu.edu/citr/home/get_help.php)
- All other technical support, including issues with enrollment in online courses, should be requested by contacting:  
**University Technology (uTech) Support Center**  
**Website:** [http://www.wiu.edu/university\\_technology/](http://www.wiu.edu/university_technology/)  
**Phone:** (309) 298-TECH (8-8324)

### **Military/Veteran Support Statement**

As a military-friendly institution, and in accordance with federal regulations and Illinois statutes, Western Illinois University has established policies and procedures to accommodate military service students. In addition to the supports available at WIU's Veterans Resource Center ([wiu.edu/student\\_success/veterans/](http://wiu.edu/student_success/veterans/) / 309-298-3505), veterans, members of the National Guard or Reserves, and active-duty military personnel with military obligations (e.g., deployments, trainings, drill) are encouraged to communicate these, in advance whenever possible, to the instructor. The Military Service Policy can be found at <http://www.wiu.edu/policies/military.php>

This syllabus is subjective to change as the course progresses.