



DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE

COURSE OUTLINE – WINTER 2016

AH243 LABORATORY AND EXOTIC ANIMALS – 1.5 (3-0-2)

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OFFICE HOURS:	See Posted Schedule		

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

- Must be registered in the GPRC Animal Health Technology Program
- AH144
- AH172

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

- Sheldon, *Animal Restraint for Veterinary Professionals*, Mosby, 2006
- Lab Coat, Closed Toed Shoes

OPTIONAL TEXTS:

- Judah, *Exotic Animal Care and Management*, Cengage Learning, 2008

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

Students will learn basic husbandry, common nursing care procedures and diseases of rabbits, rodents, birds, reptiles and other exotic animals. Human health implications of handling and working with these animals will be discussed. Students will gain knowledge of regulations and protocols involved in working with laboratory and exotic animals.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:

1.5 (3-0-2) 8 weeks, 40 Hours

DELIVERY MODE(S):

Lab

Lecture/ Guest Speaker

TRANSFERABILITY: (if applicable)

** Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability

GRADING CRITERIA:

GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE			
GRADING CONVERSION CHART for ANIMAL HEALTH PROGRAM			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 62	MINIMAL PASS*
F	1.3	55 – 59	FAIL
	1.0	50 – 54	
	0.0	0 – 49	

WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline
			*overall grade point average has to be 2.0 or higher to be successful in the AHT program.

EVALUATIONS:

EXAMINATIONS

Mark Distribution

A. Quizzes	25%
B. Projects / Assignments	20%
C. Lab Animal Sanitation	5%
D. Theory Final Exam	30%
E. Lab Final Exam	20%
	100%

A minimum of 60% must be obtained in order to successfully pass AH 243.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Enrolment at GPRC assumes that the student will become a responsible citizen of the College. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, take pride in and assist in the maintenance and preservation of Institute property, and assume responsibility for his/her education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting instructor expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

For your safety and the safety of others there will be zero tolerance of anyone showing up for the sessions under the influence of alcohol or other medications which may cause physical impairment or disruptive behavior. Sessions missed for the above reasons are considered as missed without a valid excuse and result in a 5% deduction off final mark for every session missed.

Regular attendance is recommended to assure student success. Attendance is mandatory for labs, sanitation rotations and guest speakers. A 5% deduction for each incidence, off final mark will occur if a student has an unexcused

absence from a lab, sanitation duty or guest speaker. A 0% grade will be given for any late assignments, projects or missed quizzes.

Having a valid reason for missing a lecture, lab or quiz/exam does not change the student's responsibility to acquire the information that was missed nor your obligation to complete required assignments/reports/quizzes/exams by the date required. Missed labs/guest speakers are not available for make-up.

Illegible writing will result in deducted marks. No electronic devices are to be used in exams or quizzes. Having an electronic device present during an exam or quiz will result in dismissal from class and an automatic 0% for that test. A valid reason requires prior or ASAP notification to the instructor and acceptable third party written note (doctor, etc.). Exceptions to this are at the discretion of the instructor.

For your safety and the safety of others there will be zero tolerance of anyone showing up for the sessions under the influence of alcohol or other medications which may cause physical impairment or disruptive behavior. If you are on a standard or prescribed medication, please consult with your instructor prior to the session. Sessions missed for the above reasons will also be considered as missed without a valid excuse and result in a 5% deduction of final mark for every session missed.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at https://www.gprc.ab.ca/files/forms_documents/Student_Misconduct.pdf

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/>

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

- A. Legislation and Regulation of Animal Research**
- B. Rodents**
- C. Guinea Pigs**
- D. The Rabbit**
- E. Reptiles and Amphibians**
- F. Avian**
- G. Primates**

YEAR: 2015/2016

