ANIMAL SCIENCE (ASCI)

ASCI 806 Animal Science Graduate Seminar
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Orientation in the animal science graduate program involving introduction to departmental research program, philosophy, and policies. Discussion of elements of an effective seminar; experience and critique in oral presentation of research data.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 2
Format: LEC

ASCI 810 Processed Meats
Crosslisted with: ASCI 410
Prerequisites: ASCI 210 or equivalent. Junior standing or permission.
Notes: 3 cr I, II, III web.
Description: ASCI 485 is for majors in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with an interest in careers in livestock production units, the meat industry, or related agribusiness.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 817 Meat Technology
Prerequisites: ASCI 410 or permission
Description: Meat processing and fabrication technology. Practical application of tenderization, restructuring, freezing, dehydration, flavor modification, composition control and quality control technology to manufactured and processed meat products.
Credit Hours: 4
Max credits per semester: 4
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

ASCI 819 Meat Investigations
Crosslisted with: ASCI 419, FDST 419, FDST 819
Prerequisites: ASCI 210 or permission.
Description: Conduct independent research and study meat industry problems in processing, production, storage, and preparation of meat and meat products.
Credit Hours: 1-3
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 820 Feedlot Nutrition and Management
Prerequisites: CHEM 831
Notes: Offered odd-numbered calendar years.
Description: Nutritional requirements of and complete ration formulation for feedlot cattle. Management practices needed for successful feedlot operation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 821 Advanced Animal Nutrition
Crosslisted with: ASCI 421
Prerequisites: ASCI 320
Description: Advanced course dealing with the nutrition of domestic animals. In-depth coverage of nutrients, nutrient metabolism, and nutrient requirements. Biochemical and physiological functions of nutrients in life processes.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 822 Advanced Feeding and Feed Formulation
Crosslisted with: ASCI 422
Prerequisites: ASCI 320 or equivalent.
Description: Feeding practices for domestic animals. Applied animal nutrition and feed formulation.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 824 Forage Quality
Crosslisted with: AGRO 846
Prerequisites: AGRO/RNGE 240 and ASCI 320, or equivalents; 3 cr hrs of introductory statistics; and permission
Description: The chemical characteristics of forage components. The interactions with ruminant physiology and digestion that influence forage feeding value. The laboratory procedures used to evaluate forages for grazing livestock.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: IND

ASCI 831 Advanced Animal Breeding
Crosslisted with: ASCI 431
Prerequisites: ASCI 330
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 832 Genome Analysis
Crosslisted with: ASCI 432
Prerequisites: AGRO 215 and BIOC 321 or equivalent
Description: Theoretical and practical aspects of: structure and function of eukaryotic genomes; genome sequencing and assembling, polymorphism and isof orm detection and genotyping; gene and genome annotation; strategies used to identify genetic variants responsible for phenotypic differences; and personalized genomics, social and ethical aspects associated with genomic information.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
Offered: SPRING
ASCI 841 New Techniques in Reproductive Biology  
Crosslisted with: ASCI 441  
**Prerequisites:** ASCI 341 or equivalent.  
**Description:** Mammalian early embryonic development. Basic aspects of embryology and development biology. Modern technologies in animal reproductive biology, in vitro maturation and fertilization, embryo transfer, cloning, assisted reproductive technologies, transgenic animals, and embryonic stem cells.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 842 Endocrinology  
Crosslisted with: ASCI 442, BIOS 442, BIOS 842, VBMS 842  
**Prerequisites:** A course in vertebrate physiology and/or biochemistry.  
**Description:** Mammalian endocrine glands from the standpoint of their structure, their physiological function in relation to the organism, the chemical nature and mechanisms of action of their secretory products, and the nature of anomalies manifested with their dysfunction.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 843 Physiology of Animal Cells and Tissues  
Crosslisted with: ASCI 443  
**Prerequisites:** LIFE 120; LIFE 121; ASCI 240 or BIOS 213; BIOC 321.  
**Description:** Molecular, cellular, and tissue dependent functions of neurons, skeletal and smooth muscle, vasculature, and immune cells. Cellular regulation of important physiological processes including blood flow, gas exchange, inorganic solute homeostasis, acid-base balance, water balance, appetite control, and thermal regulation will also be studied. Understand cellular and molecular processes that ensure homeostasis and promote integration of physiological systems.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 845 Animal Physiology I  
Crosslisted with: VMED 645, BIOS 813, VBMS 845  
**Prerequisites:** Undergraduate courses in biochemistry, biology and physiology.  
**Notes:** Primarily for students in animal or biological sciences or veterinary medicine.  
**Description:** Mammalian physiology and cellular mechanisms. Physiology of the cell, embryology, and neuro-sensory, neuromuscular, endocrine, and reproductive systems.  
**Credit Hours:** 4  
**Max credits per semester:** 4  
**Max credits per degree:** 4  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 846 Animal Physiology II  
Crosslisted with: VMED 646, BIOS 814, VBMS 846  
**Prerequisites:** ASCI/VBMS 845 or BIOS 813  
**Notes:** ASCI/VBMS 846/BIOS 814/VMED 646 is designed for students in animal or biological sciences or veterinary medicine.  
**Description:** Mammalian physiology and cellular mechanisms. Physiology of the digestive, cardiovascular, respiratory, and renal systems.  
**Credit Hours:** 4  
**Max credits per semester:** 4  
**Max credits per degree:** 4  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 847 Interdisciplinary Concepts in Beef Production  
Crosslisted with: VBMS 847  
**Prerequisites:** Degree in veterinary medicine or animal science, or allied agricultural degree, or permission  
**Notes:** Classroom attendance is required during each of the modules. Between modules distance education technologies (laptop computer, Internet access, a computer operating system with a word processor, spreadsheet, and presentation software, email, etc.) are used and required for discussion and assignments.  
**Description:** The contributions and interactions of the major academic disciplines upon the production, performance, health, profitability, and sustainability of beef cow and cattle feeding operations.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 6  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 847A Interdisciplinary Concepts in Beef Production I  
Crosslisted with: VBMS 847A  
**Description:** The contributions and interactions of the major academic disciplines upon the production, performance, health, profitability, and sustainability of beef cow and cattle feeding operations.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 847B Interdisciplinary Concepts in Beef Production II  
Crosslisted with: VBMS 847B  
**Prerequisites:** VBMS 847A  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC

ASCI 851 Livestock Management on Range and Pasture  
Crosslisted with: AGRO 445, AGRO 845, ASCI 451, RNGE 445  
**Prerequisites:** ASCI 250 and AGRO 240 or 340; AECN 201 recommended.  
**Description:** Analyzing the plant and animal resources and economic aspects of pasturage. Management of pasture and range for continued high production emphasized.  
**Credit Hours:** 3  
**Max credits per semester:** 3  
**Max credits per degree:** 3  
**Format:** LEC
ASCI 860 Quantitative Genetics Applications of Matrix Algebra
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.
Notes: This is a five week course taught by Lewis (UNL).
Description: Principles in matrix algebra to describe and solve problems in the agricultural and life sciences, and particularly quantitative genetics. Material includes vocabulary, concepts, and, to a lesser extent, theory of matrix algebra, with application to ecological systems, genotypic transition matrices, selection indices, and the numerator relationship matrix. With matrix algebra, use least squares procedures and canonical transformation to solve problems in biological sciences.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 861U

ASCI 861U Primer to Quantitative Genetics
Prerequisites: ASCI 860
Notes: This is a 5 week course taught by Lewis (UNL).
Description: Language and foundational principles of quantitative genetics. Material includes basic model for quantitative genetics (additive and non-additive genetic effects, including Mendelian sampling, and environmental effects), sources of variation, heritability, family resemblance and repeatability, selection response, and family selection. Define expected values and concepts in applied statistics.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 861V; ASCI 944, STAT 844

ASCI 861V Selection Index Theory and Application
Prerequisites: ASCI 861U
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Lewis (UNL).
Description: Theory and application of selection indices. Material includes design of animal breeding programs, estimating selection response, constructing economic selection indices, and developing multiple-stage selection strategies. Introduces approaches for deriving economic weights, and predicting economic response to selection.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 861W; ASCI 862U; ASCI 866

ASCI 861W Economic Breeding Programs
Prerequisites: ASCI 861V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by MacNeil (Delta G) and Lewis (UNL).
Description: Principles for developing an economic basis for multiple-trait selection to improve the profitability of production. Material includes review of concepts relevant to the selection index, introduction to the concept of systems analysis, linear programming, and simulation with emphasis on economic values useful for selection index. Critically analyze relevant literature.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCI 862U Linear Models in Animal Breeding
Prerequisites: ASCI 861V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Spangler (UNL).
Description: Principles of linear models used in animal breeding. Models discussed in the context of the random variable that is to be predicted. Material includes animal models, sire/maternal grandsire models, and sire models, models with a single and repeated records, and models with both direct and maternal effects.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 862V

ASCI 862V Genetic Prediction
Prerequisites: ASCI 862U
Notes: 5-week course taught by Enns (Colorado State University). Permission required before registering. Contact the Animal Science Department at 402-472-6440.
Description: Principles for using best linear unbiased prediction (BLUP) in genetic prediction. Material includes data integrity diagnosis, contemporary grouping strategies, adjusting for known non-genetic effects, the AWK Programming Language, UNIX/Linux scripting, and use of modern computational tools to perform genetic evaluations. Emphasis on real-world datasets designed to develop applied analytical skills in animal breeding.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 862W, STAT 862W; ASCI 863U; ASCI 867

ASCI 862W Applied Variance Component Estimation in Livestock Genetics
Crosslisted with: STAT 862W
Prerequisites: ASCI 862V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Speidel and Enns (Colorado State University). Permission required before registering. Contact the Animal Science Department at 402-472-6440.
Description: Principles in the estimation of (co)variance components and genetic parameters required to solve mixed models typical in livestock genetics. Focus on applied knowledge of approaches used to estimate the G and R sub-matrices of the mixed model equations. Demonstrate models commonly used in parameter estimation. Introduce scientific literature concerning implementation, and attributes of the solutions, of variance component estimation strategies.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
ASCNI 863U Marker-Assisted and Gene-Assisted Selection
Prerequisites: ASCI 862V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Enns (Colorado State University). Permission required before registering. Contact the department at 402-472-6440.
Description: Methods for incorporating genetic marker information into selection decisions in livestock. Consider statistical methodologies necessary to analyze large data available from new DNA technologies related to livestock genomes. Material includes recombination, single-gene tests, molecular breeding values, suggested producer guidelines for use of the technologies, and incorporation of genomic information into genetic prediction procedures.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 863V

ASCNI 863V Introduction to Marker Association Analysis and QTL Detection
Prerequisites: ASCI 863U
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Dekkers (Iowa State University). Permission is required before registering. Contact the department at 402-472-6440.
Description: Methodologies for using genetic markers to identify Quantitative Trait Loci (QTL) and for estimating marker-trait associations in livestock populations. Material includes the basics of linkage and linkage disequilibrium, alternate designs or population structures for QTL mapping, and statistical methods for QTL detection and genome-wide association analyses. Introduce properties and requirements of alternate designs and analysis strategies.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 863W

ASCNI 863W From Markers to Gene Function: Functional Change
Prerequisites: ASCI 863V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Thomas and Enns (Colorado State University).
Description: Extend concepts of marker association analyses to the translation of genetic markers into functional changes in the animal genome, and impacts on animal performance, in livestock genetic improvement programs. Material includes introduction to the tools used to generate genomic data, and application of key bioinformatics websites and databases to identify causative genetic variation, and to develop gene pathways and networks.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCNI 864 CyberSheep: a Genetic Simulation Game
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing
Notes: This is a 10 week course taught by Lewis (UNL).
Description: Principles of genetic selection and mating strategies applied in livestock breeding programs. Through use of a web-based genetic simulation game (CyberSheep), develop skills in implementing a virtual animal breeding program, assess the outcomes of decision-making in terms of genetic response, inbreeding, and economic returns, and experience stochastic elements inherent to livestock systems.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCNI 865 History and Perspectives in Animal Breeding and Genetics
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing
Notes: This is a 5 week course taught by Spangler and Lewis (UNL).
Description: Historical perspective to the discipline of animal breeding and genetics. Introduction to the contributions of geneticists who have significantly impacted the discipline. Material includes pre-recorded interviews of scientists that have had an international impact in animal breeding and genetics. Critique key papers.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCNI 866 Heterosis and Crossbreeding Systems
Prerequisites: ASCI 861V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Cassady (South Dakota State University).
Description: Principles of heterosis and mating systems utilizing crossbreeding. Material includes models for breed and crossbreeding effects, genetic basis of heterosis, recombination effects, composite populations, estimation of crossbreeding parameters, applications of line breeding and line crossing, and evaluation and utilization of crossbreeding systems.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCNI 867 Prediction and Control of Inbreeding in Breeding Programs
Prerequisites: ASCI 862V
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Dekkers (Iowa State University).
Description: Principles in the prediction and control of inbreeding in livestock breeding program. Material includes definition of inbreeding and identity by descent, impacts of inbreeding on genotype frequencies, trait means and variances, random drift, computation of inbreeding coefficients in pedigreed populations, prediction of rates of inbreeding in closed populations, and control and management of inbreeding in breeding populations.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
ASCI 868 An Introduction to R Programming
Crosslisted with: STAT 868
Prerequisites: Graduate Standing
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Maltecca (North Carolina State University).
Description: Introduction to the R environment for statistical computing, including use of R as a high-level programming language and as a gateway for more formal low-level languages. Material includes language structure, basic and advanced data manipulation, statistical analysis with R, and using R as a programming language.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC
Prerequisite for: ASCI 869, STAT 869

ASCI 869 MCMC Methods in Animal Breeding: A Primer
Crosslisted with: STAT 869
Prerequisites: ASCI 868
Notes: This is a 5-week course taught by Maltecca (North Carolina State University).
Description: Principles of Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods in animal breeding. Materials include random variable generation, Monte Carlo integration, stochastic search, Expectation-maximization (EM) algorithm and Monte Carlo EM, Markov Chain principles, Metropolis-Hastings algorithm, Gibbs sample, and MCMC for genomic data. Illustrations developed using R software.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCI 896 Independent Study in Animal Science
Crosslisted with: ASCI 496
Prerequisites: 12 hrs animal science or closely related areas and permission
Description: Individual or group projects in research, literature review, or extension of course work under the supervision and evaluation of a departmental faculty member.
Credit Hours: 1-5
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 5
Max credits per degree: 12
Format: IND

ASCI 899 Masters Thesis
Prerequisites: Admission to masters degree program and permission of major adviser
Credit Hours: 1-10
Min credits per semester: 1
Max credits per semester: 10
Max credits per degree: 99
Format: IND

ASCI 905 Animal Industry Seminar
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Current problems in the field of animal industry.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 4
Format: LEC

ASCI 917 Advanced Meat Science
Prerequisites: CHEM 831 and FDST 848 or permission
Description: Molecular events occurring during the conversion of muscle to meat. Molecular and cellular properties of meat responsible for the functional and palatability properties of meat products.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 918 Growth and Development of Meat Animals
Prerequisites: Strong background in biological sciences
Notes: ASCI/VBMS 845 and 846 recommended. BIOC, BIOS, and CHEM 831 and 832 advised.
Description: Growth and development of livestock animals with emphasis on the prenatal and postnatal differentiation and development of skeletal muscle, bone, and adipose tissue; organ growth discussed. Recent literature as well as classical concepts of animal growth discussed along with the genetic, hormonal, and nutritional factors that affect growth.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 921 Interdepartmental Nutrition Seminar
Crosslisted with: NUTR 921
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Presentation and discussion of current literature and research in the field of nutrition.
Credit Hours: 1
Max credits per semester: 1
Max credits per degree: 1
Format: LEC

ASCI 924 Forage Evaluation
Crosslisted with: AGRO 940
Prerequisites: Permission
Description: Offered even-numbered calendar years. Analytic procedures and research methods used in evaluating biochemical components and nutritive value of forages. An evaluation of the impact of forage quality on forage breeding and animal performance.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC

ASCI 925 Energy Metabolism
Crosslisted with: NUTR 925
Prerequisites: ASCI 821, BIOC 831, or NUTR 455 or 950; or permission
Notes: Offered odd-numbered calendar years.
Description: Critically evaluate how research in bioenergetics has contributed to scientific discoveries in the fields of nutrition, biochemistry, and physiology. Methodologies for determination of human and animal energy expenditure and body composition. Specifically, direct calorimetry, indirect calorimetry and comparative slaughter techniques. Emphasis on components of organ and tissue energy expenditures. Background information important in other nutrition courses.
Credit Hours: 3
Max credits per semester: 3
Max credits per degree: 3
Format: LEC
ASCI 926 Carbohydrate and Lipid Nutrition  
Crosslisted with: NUTR 926  
Prerequisites: BIOC 831, ASCI 821 or NUTR 455 or 950  
Notes: Offered even-numbered calendar years.  
Description: Nutrition and metabolism of carbohydrates and lipids by animals and humans. Emphasis on fundamental principles and current concepts.
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC

ASCI 927 Protein and Amino Acid Nutrition  
Crosslisted with: NUTR 927  
Prerequisites: ASCI 421/821 or NUTR 455 or 950; BIOC/BIOS/CHEM 431/831  
Description: Nutrition and metabolism of proteins and amino acids by animals and humans. Fundamental principles and current concepts.
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC

ASCI 931 Population Genetics  
Crosslisted with: AGRO 931, HORT 931  
Prerequisites: AGRO 215 and STAT 801  
Description: Structure of populations, forces affecting gene frequency and frequency of genotypes, continuous variation, population values and means, genotypic and environmental variances and covariances.
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC  
Prerequisite for: AGRO 932, STAT 847; ASCI 944, STAT 844

ASCI 932 Quantitative Animal Genetics I  
Prerequisites: ASCI 931 or equivalent  
Notes: Offered even-numbered calendar years.  
Description: Use of biometrical and population genetics and related physiology, nutrition, pathology, meats, and economics, to develop intrapopulation breeding methods capable of increasing the net bio-economic efficiency of animal production.
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC

ASCI 933 Quantitative Animal Genetics II  
Prerequisites: ASCI 931  
Notes: Offered odd-numbered calendar years.  
Description: Evaluation of methods for developing and exploiting genetic diversity among animal populations to improve bio-economic efficiency of animal production.
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC

ASCI 944 Quantitative Methods for Genomics of Complex Traits  
Crosslisted with: STAT 844  
Prerequisites: ASCI 861U or AGRO/ASCI/HORT 931 or BIOS 818 or equivalent; STAT 802 or 821 or equivalent.
Description: Quantitative genetic analysis of complex traits. Quantitative methodologies for connecting phenotypes with high-dimensional genomic information to understand polygenic traits from both prediction and inference perspectives.
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC  
Offered: SPRING

ASCI 949 Biochemistry of Nutrition  
Crosslisted with: BIOC 949, BIOS 949, NUTR 949  
Prerequisites: BIOC 832 or 839, or permission  
Notes: Offered odd-numbered calendar years.  
Credit Hours: 3  
Max credits per semester: 3  
Max credits per degree: 3  
Format: LEC

ASCI 996 Problems in Animal Production  
Prerequisites: Permission  
Description: Methods employed in livestock production research. Planning and conducting experiments, keeping records, and analysis of data.
Credit Hours: 1-24  
Min credits per semester: 1  
Max credits per semester: 24  
Max credits per degree: 24  
Format: IND

ASCI 999 Doctoral Dissertation  
Prerequisites: Admission to doctoral degree program and permission of supervisory committee chair  
Credit Hours: 1-24  
Min credits per semester: 1  
Max credits per semester: 24  
Max credits per degree: 99  
Format: IND