Small Ruminant Practicum  
11:067:202 - 2 credits  
Spring/Fall

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**Meeting:**  
By Arrangement: # h of barn time/week  
**Location:**  
Swine Farrowing House (Bldg. 6022) Located across from the Round Barn  
**Prerequisites:**  
Medical clearance to work with animals. Registration requires special permission.

**Course Description:**  
During practicum, students complete approximately 84 hours of work on the Cook campus farm. Students are fully trained and supervised by animal care staff where they learn a variety of animal husbandry skills and general care of sheep and goats.

**Course Objectives:**  
After completion of the course students will have…  
1. Gained experience in routine handling and care of sheep and goats that will reinforce knowledge and skillsets learned in previous courses.  
2. An understanding of daily, monthly and yearly maintenance and veterinary care required when owning and caring for sheep and goats.

**Course Web page:** [https://sakai.rutgers.edu](https://sakai.rutgers.edu)  
Use your RU net id and password to login. If you are enrolled in the course there will be a tab identified by the course name (11:067:202). Use the menu bar on the left-side to navigate the site.

**Topics:**  
- Routine Care  
- Handling/Safety  
- Breeds & Production  
- Feeding/Nutrition  
- Parasites/Deworming  
- Diseases  
- Breeding, Kidding, & Lambing  
- Hooves & Hoof Care  
- Emergencies/Health Care

**Grading:**  
**Grade scale:**  
A- 100-90%, B+ 85-89%, B- 80-84%, C+ 75-79%, C- 70-74%, D- 60-69%, F- <60%.

**Grading Criteria:**  
- Attendance: 10%  
- Participation: 60%  
- Exam 1: 10%  
- Exam 2/Practical Exam: 20%  
- Total 100%

**Students are expected to participate readily and maintain a strong work ethic throughout the semester**
• **Attendance:** Students are required to complete all scheduled sessions.
  
  o **Absence Policy**

  **Un-notified absences** – 1 allowed, 10% **overall grade** drop for each thereafter

  **Notified absences** – 3 allowed, 10% **overall grade** drop for each thereafter

  • Absences will be considered **Notified** if student contacts instructor (phone or email) at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the class.

  • Missed classes are highly encouraged to be made up the same week or during a period of time that the topic(s) the student missed will be covered again. Special consideration will be given otherwise. Students will communicate with their instructor to schedule the best time to make up missed session(s).

  • Tardiness - If you are more than 15 minutes late for practicum, it will be counted as an absence, and you will not be able to participate.

  • Sick days will not be counted towards total absence number if a doctor’s note is submitted upon return. Student will still need to make up missed class(es).

  • **Participation:** Students will be evaluated on their participation in group discussions, reliability, and diligence when working in the animal facilities throughout the semester. Below you will find a breakdown of the criteria we are looking for when assigning your participation portion of your grade.

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| Participates readily in class discussions, projects and activities. | ALWAYS | OFTEN | SOMETIMES | HARDLY |

| When performing routine animal care: student will readily engage in work without being asked or instructed. | ALWAYS | OFTEN | SOMETIMES | HARDLY |

| Engages with other students in group, shows willingness to help out. | ALWAYS | OFTEN | SOMETIMES | HARDLY |

| Student displays a positive attitude during practicum session. | ALWAYS | OFTEN | SOMETIMES | HARDLY |

• **Exams (1 & 2) and Practical Exam:** To assess students’ progress in achieving the objectives of the practicum, students will be given a written test during the first week of the practicum (not graded). The same test (Exam 1) will be given mid-term and graded. In addition, a second exam with a hands-on practical will be given at the end of the semester and graded.