

The Dog Class
Online class
University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine

I. Course information

Number: VME 3001

Phase: C term

Semester: Fall

Year: 2017

Course credit: 3

II. General information

Course Director: Dr. Patrick Larkin, PhD

Teaching Assistant: Ms. Danielle Arnold

Office hours: There are two ways to contact the Course Director (1) by email or (2) by using the discussion forum. Both tools can be found within the e-learning program. I check my email and the discussion forums daily and respond to students within 24-48 hrs during the workweek (Monday-Friday).

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If you have technical problems with accessing the course web site, you can contact me or UF computer support:

The UF Computer support team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

****The quickest way to reach them is by phone****

Phone (for within the US): 352-392-4357, then select option 1

Phone (Toll free, International): 844-269-0441, then select option 1

Alternatively, you can email them as well: helpdesk@ufl.edu

III. Course description

This course is designed for students interested in learning more about dogs, especially those planning careers in Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Technical Programs. Students will be introduced to a number of topics, including evolution, domestication, anatomy, role in society, physiology, and health of the dog.

Course objectives

Students that successfully complete the class will learn about a number of different topics that will be covered in more detail in Veterinary School and Veterinary Technical Programs. These include the musculoskeletal system, endocrinology, reproduction, neuroscience, evolution, and various canine diseases. Other important topics related to the dog that will be discussed include using dogs as laboratory animals, nutrition, presentation of medical case studies, infectious disease, among other topics.

Prerequisite(s):

BSC 2010/2010L and BSC 2011/2011L AND two additional Science or Math classes. Examples include: MCB 3020, AGR 3303, CHM 2045, CHM 2046, PHY 2053, PHY 2054, MAC2311, STA 2023 or instructor permission.

Course expectations:

Students will find it difficult to pass this course if they do not regularly log into the online class and complete assignments on a weekly basis. Online courses are not easier or less time consuming than classes on campus. Online classes are simply more flexible, and allow a student to work on the course material during various times throughout the day and evening. For this class, students will be reading and listening to lectures on ~2-3 topics per week.

How to access this class

You can access online courses by logging into UF's e-Learning website. Go to <http://elearning.ufl.edu/>, click "e-learning, Canvas Login" on the right side of the screen and then enter your Gatorlink username and password.

Minimum requirements for accessing all e-learning courses at the University of Florida can be found here:

<https://wiki.helpdesk.ufl.edu/FAQs/E-Learning#requirements>

How the class will work

For the term, course content is divided into 15 week segments. Course material for each week (except week 1) will be released the Friday before the week begins at 8AM, EST. Week 1 material will be released the first day of class. Students will have the whole week to listen/watch the lectures, videos, and/or complete assignments. By the end of the week, the students need to take a Quiz or an exam. See section V (Evaluation/Grading/testing) for how the Quizzes and Exams will be administered.

IV. Course Materials

Course goals

Required and recommended texts

No specific textbook is required for the class. Background reading material may be provided in PDF format for some lectures through links on the E-learning site. This material should be reviewed before viewing the MediaSite lectures.

Additional Resources/ equipment

- (1) MediaSite lectures will be provided through links on the E-learning site.
- (2) Streaming access to videos will be provided through links on the E-learning site
- (3) Links to additional resources (i.e. web URLs) for each lecture topic will also be provided to students. Students will not be tested on this information, and this material simply serves as additional resources if a student is interested in learning more about a particular topic.
- (4) students will need a webcam to take the exams (see testing requirements below)
- (5) a working computer and an adequate internet connection

MediaSite Lectures

If you are having trouble accessing the lectures through the MediaSite Link, when prompted you need your Gator Link User Name and Password and you may need to download Silverlight if it does not automatically prompt you to do so. You may install Silverlight through the following link: <http://www.microsoft.com/getsilverlight/Get-Started/Install/Default.aspx>

V. Evaluation/ Grading/ Testing:

Grading scheme

Grades will be proportioned as indicated in the tables below. *For greater detail on the meaning of letter grades and university policies related to them, see the Registrar's Grade Policy regulations at:* <http://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Grading Policy

A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	87-89%
B	83-86%
B-	80-82%
C+	77-79%
C	73-76%
C-	70-72%
D+	67-69%
D	63-66%
D-	60-62%
E	0-59%

Percentage of grade	
Average of the Quizzes	16%
Exam 1	28%
Exam 2	28%
Exam 3	28%

Exam information:

The three exams will consist of multiple choice and true false questions. Tests can only be taken once. All exams need to be taken in a manner where the student can be proctored. This class will use ProctorU (<http://www.proctoru.com/>) for online proctoring services for the three exams. ProctorU is an online proctoring service that allows exam takers to complete their assessment at home while still ensuring the integrity of the exam for the institution. **You do not need to use this service for any of the weekly quizzes, only the three exams.**

The guidelines for this proctoring system are:

- “Students will need to have a microphone and webcam in place during the test-taking period. An inexpensive webcam and microphone will work fine. ProctorU recommends the Microsoft LifeCam VX-5000 webcam, but most brands or models will work. This webcam, as well as many newer webcams, comes complete with a microphone in the camera. Students will NOT be allowed to take an exam without a webcam.

- Students need to create an account and register with ProctorU (<http://www.proctoru.com/getstarted.php>) within the first two weeks of the start of class, and no later than 5 days prior to an exam.
- For the exams, you will have one day within which to take the exam. You will have 60 minutes to take each exam. Exams will be administered 8:00AM – midnight (Eastern standard time) on certain exam dates, which are listed below.

First exam date: September 25TH, 2017

Second exam date: October 27TH, 2017

Third exam date: December 6TH, 2017

- Exams may be taken at a student’s home, but under certain guidelines specified below:
 - (1) you cannot use any notes or reference material (e.g. books to take the exam, (2) besides the e-learning program, you are not allowed to access any additional programs on your computer, (3) while taking the exam you are not allowed to access any material (e.g. folders, files, videos, discussion forum material) in the e-learning program except the exam itself (4) You are also not allowed to pause the test at any time. (5) you have to take the exam independently of other students.

If the ProctorU staff see you doing anything specified above, they will immediately shut down your computer and contact me directly. The Course Director will then give you a zero for that exam and will discuss further disciplinary action with you at that time.
- Students may need to have some administrative rights on the computer they are using for the exam to enable the service to function

Students who are absent from classes or examinations because of illness should contact their instructors. The UF [Student Health Care Center \(SHCC\)](#) or equivalent facility at your school, can provide a medical excuse note only if their providers are involved in the medical care of a student who must be absent from class for three or more days for medical reasons. A student who has a medical reason that results in fewer than three days of absence from class should talk with his/her professor rather than ask for an excuse note from the SHCC.

Quiz information:

Quizzes will consist of multiple choice and true false questions. Each weekly quiz can be taken up to two times and the highest score will be used for that particular weekly quiz grade. While a student does not have to take a quiz more than once; it is advised to take a quiz multiple times since this is an ideal study tool to improve one’s grade for an exam.

Course material for each week (except week 1) will be released the Friday before the week begins at 8AM, EST. Students will have the whole week to complete the material and the student needs to take the assigned weekly quiz by 10 PM (EST) on Friday of that week (unless there is also a test that week, see the course schedule for details). **There are no make-ups for the quizzes.**

The quizzes are meant to be a study guide to prepare a student for the three exams. Because of this, students ideally should adhere to the same testing guidelines for the quizzes as will be enforced for the three exams (e.g. no notes, no book, no help from other students). ****Students do not need to take the quizzes using ProctorU****

Don’t forget to evaluate your instructors, visit the UF Evaluation site at: <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/evals/>

VI. Administrative Policies: see Student Handbook @

<http://flexible.dce.ufl.edu/handbook.aspx>

Remediation

Students getting behind in their coursework should contact the Course Director for assistance.

Attendance

While daily attendance will not be monitored in this online class, students need to take Quizzes on a weekly basis.

Academic Honesty

All students registered at the University of Florida have agreed to comply with the following statement: “I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University.” In addition, on all work submitted for credit the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” If you witness any instances of academic dishonesty in this class, please notify the instructor or contact the Student Honor Court (392-1631) or Cheating Hotline (392-6999). For additional information on Academic Honesty, please refer to the University of Florida Academic Honesty Guidelines at:

<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/honorcodes/conductcode.php>

Resources are available on-campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals. The resources include:

- UF Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Rd, 392-1575, psychological and psychiatric
- Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career and job search services.

Many students experience test anxiety and other stress related problems. “A Self Help Guide for Students” is available through the Counseling Center (301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575) and at their web site: <http://www.counsel.ufl.edu/>

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Students who will require a classroom accommodation for a disability must contact the Dean of Students Office of Disability Resources, in Peabody 202 (phone: 352-392-1261). Please see the University of Florida Disability Resources website for more information at: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>. It is the policy of the University of Florida that the student, not the instructor, is responsible for arranging accommodations when needed. Once notification is complete, the Dean of Students Office of Disability Resources will work with the instructor to accommodate the student.

If comfortable, please also contact the instructor directly after registering for this course so we can ensure accommodations are met in a timely manner.

Software Use

All faculty, staff and student of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

Course outline and schedule

As the course progresses, I may find it necessary to adjust the below timetable, in which case you will be notified in advance.

Week of	Week #	Notable items	Material release date	Activity	Lecture Topic	Lecturer	Due Date
Aug. 21	1	Class starts on August 21, drop/add till August 25	Aug. 21 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Welcome to the class	Dr. Patrick Larkin	Quiz due by Aug. 25 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Evolution and domestication	Dr. Patrick Larkin	
				Take Week Quiz			
Aug. 28	2		Aug. 25 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Cancer and health care issues	Dr. Jeremy Delcambre	Quiz due by Sep. 1 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Medical case study	Dr. Brad Case	
				Take Week Quiz			
Sep. 4	3	No class on September 4	Sep. 1 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Breeds	Dr. Patrick Larkin	Quiz due by Sep. 8 , at 10 PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Breeds (contd)	Dr. Patrick Larkin	
				Take Week Quiz			
Sep. 11	4		Sep. 8 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Anatomy	Dr. Jeremy Delcambre	Quiz due by Sep. 15 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Anatomy, contd.	Dr. Jeremy Delcambre	
				Listen to interview	Tips for Veterinary School	Dr. Maggie Struck	
				Take Week Quiz			
Sep. 18	5		Sep. 15 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Neuroscience	Dr. Roger Reep	Quiz due by Sep. 22 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Neuroscience, contd.	Dr. Roger Reep	
				Take Week Quiz			
Sep. 25	6	* there is both an Exam and a Quiz this week	Sep. 22 at 8AM EST	Take Exam 1			September 25 TH
				Listen to lecture	Sensory systems	Dr. Meghan Bills Barboza	Quiz due by Sep. 29 , at 10PM EST
				Take Week Quiz			
Oct. 2	7	No class on October 6	Sep. 29 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Digestion and metabolism	Dr. Richard Hill	Quiz due by Oct. 5 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Medical case study	Dr. Iskande Larkin	
				Take Week Quiz			
Oct. 9	8		Oct. 6 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Musculoskeletal system in dogs	Dr. Linda Hayward	Quiz due by Oct. 13 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Endocrinology	Dr. Paul Cooke	
				Take Week Quiz			
Oct. 16	9		Oct. 13 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Reproduction	Dr. Paul Cooke	Quiz due by Oct. 20 , at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Dogs and Gene Therapy	Dr. Thomas Conlon	
				Listen to interview	Tips for Veterinary School	Dr. Natalie Isaza	
				Take Week Quiz			

Week of	Week #	Notable items	Material release date	Activity	Lecture Topic	Lecturer	Due Date
Oct. 23	10	* there is both an Exam and a Quiz this week	Oct. 20 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Dogs as Laboratory Animals	Dr. Maggie Struck	
				Take Week Quiz			Quiz due by Oct. 25, at 10PM EST
				Take Exam 2			October 27Th
Oct. 30	11		Oct. 27 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Cardiovasculature system in dogs	Dr. Linda Hayward	Quiz due by Nov. 3, at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Shelter	Dr. Patrick Larkin	
				Take Week Quiz			
Nov. 6	12	No class on November 10	Nov. 3 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	The working dog: dogs in the military	Dr. Steven Cassle	Quiz due by Nov. 9, at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Feeding dogs	Dr. Richard Hill	
				Listen to lecture	TBD	Ms. Danielle Arnold	
				Listen to talk	Tips for Veterinary School	Dr. Staci Hutsell	
				Take Week Quiz			
Nov. 13	13		Nov. 9 at 8AM EST	Watch videos and lecture	Spay and neuter video series	Dr. Natalie Isaza	Quiz due by Nov. 17, at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	The recreational dog: dog shows	Ms. Sally A O'connell	
				Take Week Quiz			
Nov. 20	14	No class this week					
Nov. 27	15		Nov. 17 at 8AM EST	Listen to lecture	Preventative health care	Dr. Jeremy Delcambre	Quiz due by Dec. 1, at 10PM EST
				Listen to lecture	Infectious diseases	Dr. Charles Courtney	
				Take Week Quiz			
Dec. 4	16	Class ends December 6TH		Take Exam 3			December 6TH