POS - Poultry Science (POSC)

POS 201 General Avian Science
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to the poultry industry to include past, present and
future industry dynamics; avian anatomy/physiology as they impact
commercial production; management principles and practices of
breeding, incubation, brooding, nutrition, disease control and marketing
technology.

POS 285 Directed Studies
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Other Hours.
Directed studies in specific problem areas of poultry science.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

POS 289 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours.
Selected topics in an identified area of poultry science. May be repeated
for credit.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

POS 291 Research
Credits 1 to 2. 1 to 2 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in poultry
science. May be repeated 2 times for credit.
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of
instructor and department head.

POS 302 Avian Science Laboratory
Credit 1. 2 Lab Hours.
Field trips and application of basic skills in production of poultry meat
and eggs. Recommended supplement to POSC 201.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 304 Judging
Credits 3. 6 Other Hours.
Intensive, individualized training in selection standards for meat and egg
strains of poultry, grading standards for egg and live-ready-to-cook
poultry, and organizing and managing poultry shows; practice requires
visits to processing plants. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 308 Avian Anatomy and Physiology
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Anatomy and physiology of the major body systems of the bird,
including the cardiovascular, gastrointestinal, respiratory, endocrine and
reproductive systems; influence of the environment on bird physiology,
including effects of stress. Laboratory exercises include dissection and
microscopic analysis of the major body system and assessment of
environmental conditions.
Prerequisites: BIOL 111; POSC 201; junior or senior classification or
approval of instructor.

POS 309 Poultry Meat Production
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Modern integrated broiler and turkey production; housing and equipment,
nutrition, flock health, pest control, grower relations, marketing and
financial management; lab involves blood testing, growth trials, posting
birds, processing, and observation of a local integrated poultry operation.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 313 Game Birds and Ornamental Fowl
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Commercial game bird production; nutrition, incubation, rearing,
breeder care, diseases, marketing, housing requirements and economic
considerations; management of rare and ornamental fowl.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 319 Breeder and Hatchery Management
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Housing and equipment, incubation technology, embryology, nutrition and
flock health; lab involves hatchery management, blood testing, semen
evaluation, artificial insemination, basic embryology and observation of a
local hatchery.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 326 Commercial Egg Industry
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Production, management, marketing, economics and integration of
commercial laying hen operations.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 333 Instincts and Behavior
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Investigation of the reasoning behind evolved reproductive strategies
with integration of veterinary and avian science perspectives;
examination of individual differences in behavior and their development
in particular environments.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 381 Investigation of Professional Development in Poultry Science
Credits 2. 2 Other Hours.
An investigation of career options and the research process as applied to
poultry science.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 402 Skills in Poultry Evaluation
Credit 1. 2 Lab Hours.
Practical application of judging and husbandry skills used in poultry
exhibition and production. Primarily designed for preservice vocational
agriculture teachers.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POS 405/NFSC 405 Egg and Poultry Meat Processing
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Principles of egg and poultry meat processing, understanding egg and
poultry meat markets, egg and meat grading, product safety, packaging
and consumer acceptance of shell eggs and poultry meat, specifically
turkey and broilers.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.
Cross Listing: NFSC 405/POSC 405.

POS 406/NFSC 406 Poultry Further Processing
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Science and practice of value-added products; physical, chemical,
microbiological and functional characteristics of value-added poultry
products as they affect consumer acceptance, efficiency of production
and regulatory approval.
Prerequisites: CHEM 222; DASC 326 or NFSC 326/ANSC 326; POSC 309;
POSC 405/NFSC 405; junior or senior classification or approval of
instructor.
Cross Listing: NFSC 406/POSC 406.
POSC 411 Poultry Nutrition
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Principles of poultry nutrition with emphasis on all major nutrient classes and their relationships with the avian digestive system.
Prerequisites: CHEM 222 or equivalent; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POSC 412 Poultry Feed Formulation
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Practical feeding of poultry with emphasis on specific nutrient requirements of various species and computer least cost diet formulations.
Prerequisites: POSC 411; junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POSC 414 Avian Genetics and Breeding
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Basic concepts of avian genetics and breeding principles, inheritance of economically important qualitative and quantitative traits; statistical analysis of breeding results; application of molecular genetics, mating systems analyses, breeder management; and incubation of hatching eggs.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POSC 425 Environmental Physiology
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Environmental influences on the physiology of animals and humans; review of shelter engineering to promote animal welfare and production during stressful climatic conditions. Chronic and acute stress in a variety of birds and animals.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POSC 427 Animal Waste Management
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
An applied approach to current and emerging issues relating to responsible management of animal waste; the role of biological aspects of production management decisions evaluated in an examination of regulatory and environmental requirements; current case studies and exposure to field situations. Field trips may be required for which departmental fees may be assessed.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

POSC 429 Advanced Food Bacteriology
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.
Microbiology of foodborne human pathogens of food animals, raw and processed food, and human disease; methods to control incidence of pre- and post-harvest contamination.
Prerequisites: DASC 326 or FSTC 326 or BIOL 351 or VTPB 405; junior or senior classification.

POSC 444 International Poultry Production
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Two-week intensive and comparative on-site study of international poultry production; rearing and husbandry, housing and equipment, nutrition, flock health and processing.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.

POSC 454 Animal Welfare
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Issues from an animal's perspective; opportunities to study the general questions that typically affect the welfare of an animal; insight to practices that can be used to improve the welfare of an animal.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification.