CASPER COLLEGE COURSE SYLLABUS
CROP 2200-01 Forage Crop Science

Semester/Year: SP 2015
Lecture Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 2  Credit Hours: 4
Class Time: Lecture 10-10:50  Days: WMF  Room: WA 106
      Lab: 8-10  Th  Room: WA 106

Instructor’s Name: Heath Hornecker
Instructor's Contact Information
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Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive introduction to the Biology, propagation and management of forage and farm crop plants. Many topics (e.g., plant ecophysiology, cropping practices in agro ecosystems, plant genetic improvement) will be covered.

Statement of Prerequisites: None

Goal: Students will be introduced to the history, classification, biology, methods of production and harvest information about numerous forage crops used for livestock consumption.

Outcomes: At the completion of this course, students will be able to:
   1. List and organize different forages crops, the uses and production factors of each.
   2. Plan and identify the important steps to harvesting, curing and storing forage crops for future consumption by livestock.
   3. Determine health and nutrition concerns for livestock due to forage crops.
   4. Discuss new and technologically advanced forage crop production methods.
   5. Partake in hands-on field planning and irrigation decisions.

Methodology: Lecture and discussion will be the primary source of information. During lab setting, lab assignments will be given and expected to be completed by the students. Some group/individual presentation will also be utilized.

Evaluation Criteria:
   1. Attendance is crucial to the performance of the student in this class.
   2. The remainder of the grade will consist of several tests, including a possible midterm and possible comprehensive final, and various reports and term papers.
   3. Assignments in lab and ration formulations.
   4. Class participation.
   5. A lab notebook must be kept of all handouts, homework and assignments from lab. Each lab will use a concept taught in the previous lab session. Please keep all work and it will be recorded for a grade. (a 3 ring binder works great)
   6. The grading scale will be:  A = 90% – 100%
Required Text, Readings, and Materials: None

Class Policies: Last Date to Change to Audit Status or to Withdraw with a W Grade:

1. Students are expected to attend all lectures, field trips, and other requirements for each class.
2. Students who miss class while representing the college officially are excused, but are directly responsible for seeing that all assignments, quizzes, and tests are made up promptly (within one week upon returning).
3. Students who miss class are directly responsible for acquiring all notes and assignments assigned.
4. Makeup tests will not be given without prior notice to the instructor.
5. No late assignments will be accepted unless previously approved by the instructor!!!

Student Rights and Responsibilities: Please refer to the Casper College Student Conduct and Judicial Code for information concerning your rights and responsibilities as a Casper College Student.

Chain of Command: If you have any problems with this class, you should first contact the instructor to attempt to solve the problem. If you are not satisfied with the solution offered by the instructor, you should then take the matter through the appropriate chain of command starting with the Department Head/Program Director, (Heath Hornecker) the Dean (Dr. Grant Wilson), and lastly the Vice President for Academic Affairs (Dr. Tim Wright).

Academic Dishonesty: (Cheating & Plagiarism) Casper College demands intellectual honesty. Proven plagiarism or any form of dishonesty associated with the academic process can result in the offender failing the course in which the offense was committed or expulsion from school. See the Casper College Student Code of Conduct for more information on this topic.

Official Means of Communication: Casper College faculty and staff will employ the student's assigned Casper College email account as a primary method of communication. Students are responsible to check their account regularly.

ADA Accommodations Policy: If you need academic accommodations because of a disability, please inform me as soon as possible. See me privately after class, or during my office hours. To request academic accommodations, students must first consult with the college’s Disability Services Counselor located in the Gateway Building, Room 344, (307) 268-2557, bheuer@caspercollege.edu. The Disability Services Counselor is responsible for reviewing documentation provided by students requesting accommodations, determining eligibility for accommodations, and helping students request and use appropriate accommodations.