

Poultry Science 1010
BIRDS IN OUR LIVES
Fall 2020

Course Description: An introduction to basic avian biology as well as a survey of the care, health and breeding management of pigeons, parrots, game birds, raptors and other exotic birds.

Lectures: T & R, 11:10-12:25, room 319 Poultry Science Building

Course Materials: Lecture handouts are available on eLearning Commons. Suggested book: "Birds in Our Lives: Dwelling in an Avian World." Ordering instructions are posted on eLearning Commons.

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Credit: 3 hours

Grading: Letter grades:

90-100	A	76-78.9	C+
86-89.9	B+	72.5-75.9	C
82.5-85.9	B	69-72.4	C-
79-82.4	B-	59-68.9	D
		< 59	F

The final grade for each student will be determined based on the on the grading scheme below.

<u>Grading Scheme</u>	
Quizzes*	20%
Exam 1	25%
Exam 2	25%
Exam 3	30%

*There will be 8 pop quizzes scattered throughout the semester. The poorest 3 quiz grades will be dropped from your final average.

Exam conflicts and missed exams will be handled by the instructor on an individual basis.

A study guide will be provided for each exam. A copy of Exam 1 from a previous year will be posted on eLearning Commons so you can become familiar with the format of the exams given for this class.

SYLLABUS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lecture</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Aug. 20	1	Introduction, bird evolution and classification	Chapter 1 & 2
25	2	General bird biology - feathers and flight	Chapter 4
27	3	General bird biology - senses	Chapter 5
Sept. 1	4	General bird biology – nutrition	Chapter 6
3	5	General bird biology – nutrition	Chapter 6
8	6	General bird biology – reproduction	Chapter 7
10	7	General bird biology – reproduction	Chapter 7
15	8	Parrots in the wild	Chapter 3 & 8
17	9	Parrots as pets	Chapter 8
22	10	Parrots as pets	Chapter 8
24	11	Parrots and rescue facilities	Chapter 8
29	12	Exam 1	
Oct. 1	13	Soft bills	Pages 207-210
6	14	Pigeons in the wild	Chapter 10
8	14	Homing Pigeons	Chapter 10
13	15	Racing Pigeons	Chapter 10
15	16	Raptors in the wild	Chapter 9
20	17	Raptors in the wild	Chapter 9
22	18	Falconry	Chapter 9
27	19	Falconry	Chapter 9
29	20	Ratites	Chapter 11
Nov 3	22	Exam 2	
5	23	Waterfowl (ducks and geese)	Chapter 13
10	24	Game birds (endangerment/land management)	Chapter 12
12	25	Game birds	Chapter 12
17	26	Game birds (chickens)	Chapter 12
19	27	Value of birds and further pursuits	Chapter 14
24	28	Exam 3/Final	