### Official Undergraduate Course Outline Information

**Students are advised to keep course outlines in personal files for future use.**

Shaded headings are subject to change at the discretion of the department – see course syllabus available from instructor.

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### Course Descriptive Title

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

The Sociology of Human-Animal Relations is a new and rapidly expanding field of sociology that looks at human-animal relationships and their sociological significance within human societies. Special topics in this course will include an examination of the impact of human-animal relations on the development of Western societies, the importance of cultural worldviews concerning the status of animals, the significant social roles animals play in our modern everyday experiences, and some of the critical social issues emerging within a contemporary Western setting.

**PREREQUISITES:** None; SOC 101 recommended

**COREQUISITES:**

**PRE or COREQUISITES:**

**SYNONYMOUS COURSE(S):**

(a) **Replaces:**

(b) **Cross-listed with:**

(c) **Cannot take:**

**SERVICE COURSE TO:** (department/program)

**TOTAL HOURS PER TERM:** 45

**TRAINING DAY-BASED INSTRUCTION:**

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**Maximun enrolment:** 36

**Expected frequency of course offerings:** Every other year (every semester, annually, every other year, etc.)

**WILL TRANSFER CREDIT BE REQUESTED? (lower-level courses only)**

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**TRANSFER CREDIT EXISTS IN BCCAT TRANSFER GUIDE:**

**Course designer(s):** Luanne Yellowfly

**Department Head:** Eric Spalding

**Supporting area consultation (Pre-UPAC)**

**Curriculum Committee chair:** Moira Kloster

**Dean/Associate VP:** Jacqueline Nolte

**Undergraduate Program Advisory Committee (UPAC) approval**

**Date approved:** November 6, 2009

**Date of meeting:** January 15, 2010

**Date approved:** January 15, 2010

**Date approved:** January 15, 2010

**Date of meeting:** February 26, 2010
LEARNING OUTCOMES:
Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. identify key concepts related to human relations with animals in Western cultures
2. explain the importance of animals in the historical development of Western industrial societies
3. outline the major roles animals play in contemporary Western society
4. discuss the diverse social issues surrounding human-animal relations in Western industrial societies
5. provide sociological insights into some possible issues surrounding human-animal relations in the future

METHODS: (Guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.)
Lectures, discussions, video presentations.

METHODS OF OBTAINING PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT RECOGNITION (PLAR):

☐ Examination(s)  ☐ Portfolio assessment  ☒ Interview(s)

☐ Other (specify):

☐ PLAR cannot be awarded for this course for the following reason(s):

TEXTBOOKS, REFERENCES, MATERIALS:
[Textbook selection varies by instructor. An example of texts for this course might be:]
Arnold Arluke and Clinton Sanders (eds) - Between the Species: Readings in Human-Animal Relations, Pearson Education, Inc, 2009
Arnold Arluke and Clinton Sanders – Regarding Animals, Templeton University Press 1996
Adrian Franklin - Animals and Modern Culture: A Sociology of Human-Animal Relations in Modernity. Sage Publications, Inc. 1999
Mark Bekoff - Minding Animals, Awareness, Emotions and Heart, Oxford University Press, 2002
Leslie Irvine  - If You Tame Me: Understanding Our Connection with Animals, Temple University Press, 2004

Journal selections:
Society and Animals
Anthrozoos
American Behavioral Scientist
Canadian Veterinary Journal
Journal of Applied Gerontology

SUPPLIES / MATERIALS:
None

STUDENT EVALUATION:
[An example of student evaluation for this course might be:]
Mid-term exam  25%
Group project outline  5%
Group project  25%
Group project member participation  5%
Group presentation peer evaluation  5%
Class participation  10%
Final exam  25%
COURSE CONTENT:

[Course content varies by instructor. An example of course content might be:]

Week 1  Emerging Concepts and Thinkers
Week 2 & 3  History of Human-Animal Relationships and Worldviews
Week 4  Demographic Profiles of Animals in Western Societies
Week 5 & 6  Social Roles of Animals in Western Society
Week 7  Midterm exam
Week 8  Contemporary Issues: Animal Use in Science
Week 9  Contemporary Issues: Animal Use in Agriculture
Week 10  Contemporary Issues: Animals in Entertainment
Week 11 & 12  Contemporary Issues: Animals within Community
Week 13  The Future of Human-Animal Relationships
Week 14  Final exam