University of Manitoba
Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
Department of Animal Science
COURSE DETAILS

**Course Title & Number:** ANSC 7140 Animal Science Seminar MSc

**Number of Credit Hours:** 3

**Class Times & Days of Week:**
- Tuesday. Fall: 10:00 - 11:15am
- Winter: 11:30am - 12:45pm

**Location for classes/labs/tutorials:** Online

**Pre-Requisites:** Currently enrolled in an Animal Science graduate MSc program.

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**Instructor Contact Information**

**Instructor(s) Name:** ANSC 7140: Dr. Chengbo Yang

**Office Location:** Dr. Yang, Rm 227

**Office Hours or Availability:** Usually available before or after class or contact to set up an appointment.

**Office Phone No.:** Dr. Yang, 204 474 8188

**Email:** Chengbo.yang@umanitoba.ca
Course description

Animal Science Seminar Series includes sessions that are devoted to research and extension or update/review of topics in animal-agriculture. In addition to scheduled student presentations, the seminar course will include guest speakers internal and external to the faculty/university. This course also encompasses the Annual Animal Science Special Seminar in Honour of Dr. T.K. (Stan) Cheung during the Winter term. This special seminar is intended to invite prominent scientists, industry or government representatives in the area of animal science to be guest speakers and provide the opportunity for the speaker to meet, converse and interact with the students of this class.

Course Goals

The program also creates a mutually supportive and positive learning environment so graduate students can share their results, obtain feedback on their work, and improve their presentation and communication skills. This course will facilitate the development of scholarly writing skills, presentation skills related to dissemination of scientific research to the wider scientific community and industry stakeholders. This course will also develop the skills required to chair scientific seminars and presentations.

Academic Regulations and Policy and Use of Copyrighted Material

Students are directed to the statements on “Cheating, Plagiarism and Fraud” and “Copyright Act” under the Student Affairs website at: http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/cheating_plagiarism_fraud.html.

and the University’s Copyright Office website at: http://umanitoba.ca/copyright/

All students are required to familiarize themselves with the many forms that plagiarism can take. Plagiarism is a serious offense and it will not be tolerated.

Recording Class Lectures

No audio or video recording of lectures or presentations is allowed in any format, openly or surreptitiously, in whole or in part without permission of the instructors. Course materials (both paper and digital) are for the participant’s private study and research.
Course Technology

It is the general University of Manitoba policy that all technology resources are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner. Students can use all technology in classroom setting only for educational purposes approved by instructor and/or the University of Manitoba Disability Services. Student should not participate in personal direct electronic messaging / posting activities (e-mail, texting, video or voice chat, wikis, blogs, social networking (e.g. Facebook) online and offline “gaming” during scheduled class time.

Supplementary course guidelines/materials will be provided through UM Learn.

Class Communication

The University requires all students to activate an official University email account.

Please note that all communication between the instructors and you as a student must comply with the electronic communication with student policy (http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/electronic_communication_with_students_policy.html). You are required to obtain and use your U of M email account for all communication between yourself and the university.

Expectations:

Attendance in Animal Science Graduate Seminar Series and the Faculty of Agriculture Seminar Series is compulsory for all students who are currently enrolled in MSc program in the Department of Animal Science. On occasions wherein a student is unable to attend the seminar, an attendance exemption form (see UM Learn for template) must be fill out and signed by graduate student before submitting to course instructors. For planned exemption requests (i.e. sample collection, conference attendance, academic exchange, etc.) the form must be submitted in advance; and for exemption requests for any reason beyond student’s control (i.e. illness, emergency, etc.) the form must be submitted within a week following the missed session. These records will be retained to monitor annual attendance for each graduate student.

Academic Integrity:

- Guidelines for course requirements and chairperson duties can be found on UM Learn
- All work is to be completed independently unless otherwise specified.
Students Accessibility Services

If you are a student with a disability, please contact Student Accessibility Services (SAS) for academic accommodation supports and services such as note-taking, interpreting, assistive technology and exam accommodations. Students who have, or think they may have, a disability (e.g. mental illness, learning, medical, hearing, injury-related, visual) are invited to contact SAS to arrange a confidential consultation.

Student Accessibility Services http://umanitoba.ca/student/saa/accessibility/
520 University Centre
204 474 7423
Student_accessibility@umanitoba.ca

Class Schedule

The class schedule will be distributed at the beginning of term with this document. The schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor and/or needs of the students.

Faculty seminars are held once a month on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:30pm in the Carolyn Sifton Lecture Theatre, 130 Agriculture (venue subject to change). During these weeks no Animal Science Seminar will occur unless under extenuating circumstances where additional presentation periods are required.

Grading

Grading for this course is Pass/Fail.

Assignment Descriptions

Over the course of their graduate MSc program students are required to complete four course requirements.

It is advised that students complete one assignment per semester. Guidelines for completion of each activity can be found on UM Learn

Course requirements:

• Literature review: 3000 – 5000 words. Students must submit a short outline of the proposed literature review (~10 lines) to the instructor at the start of the term and the assignment is due on the last day of that specific term. Upon return of the assignment, students are required to resubmit corrected assignment to the instructors within 30
days. Assignment to be submitted via email to the instructors. Requests for extensions to be made via email to the instructors.

- Extension presentation: Presentation of an animal science related topic with the intended audience of industry/producers.
- Poster presentation: Poster presentation (including oral presentation) of student’s research data.
- Scientific presentation: Oral presentation of student’s research data.

**Course Evaluation Methods**

A combination of written and oral evaluations will be utilized.

- For the literature review, written comments/evaluation will be provided by the instructors on the returned document.
- For the extension, scientific and poster presentations, students will receive oral evaluations from a student evaluator at the time of the presentation. Written evaluations will be provided anonymously from two students from the class and two animal science department members. These evaluations will be composited by the instructors and discussed with the student privately following their seminar.
- The chairperson of each seminar class will be evaluated orally by a student from the class and a general evaluator (member of animal science department staff) following the completion of the presentation and question period of each class.

**University Support Office & Policies**

Instructors shall provide to every student the information on university support offices and policies in **Schedule “A”** within the first week of classes, either through a paper copy and/or via the university’s student information system (i.e., Aurora, UM Learn, or such other university information system as may be approved by the university from time to time).

**Schedule “A”**

**Section (a) sample** re: A list of academic supports available to Students, such as the Academic Learning Centre, Libraries, and other supports as may be appropriate:

**Writing and Learning Support**

The Academic Learning Centre (ALC) offers services that may be helpful to you throughout your academic program. Through the ALC, you can meet with a learning specialist to discuss concerns such as time management, learning strategies, and test-taking strategies. The ALC
also offers peer supported study groups called Supplemental Instruction (SI) for certain courses that students have typically found difficult. In these study groups, students have opportunities to ask questions, compare notes, discuss content, solve practice problems, and develop new study strategies in a group-learning format.

You can also meet one-to-one with a writing tutor who can give you feedback at any stage of the writing process, whether you are just beginning to work on a written assignment or already have a draft. If you are interested in meeting with a writing tutor, reserve your appointment two to three days in advance of the time you would like to meet. Also, plan to meet with a writing tutor a few days before your paper is due so that you have time to work with the tutor’s feedback.

These Academic Learning Centre services are free for U of M students. For more information, please visit the Academic Learning Centre website at:

http://umanitoba.ca/student/academiclearning/

You can also contact the Academic Learning Centre by calling 204-480-1481 or by visiting 205 Tier Building.

University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

As the primary contact for all research needs, your liaison librarian can play a vital role when completing academic papers and assignments. Liaisons can answer questions about managing citations, or locating appropriate resources, and will address any other concerns you may have, regarding the research process. Liaisons can be contacted by email or phone, and are also available to meet with you in-person. A complete list of liaison librarians can be found by subject: http://bit.ly/WcEbA1 or name: http://bit.ly/1tJ0bB4. In addition, general library assistance is provided in person at 19 University Libraries, located on both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses, as well as in many Winnipeg hospitals. For a listing of all libraries, please consult the following: http://bit.ly/1sXE6RA. When working remotely, students can also receive help online, via the Ask-a-Librarian chat found on the Libraries’ homepage:www.umanitoba.ca/libraries.
Section (b) sample: re: A statement regarding mental health that includes referral information:

For 24/7 mental health support, contact the Mobile Crisis Service at 204-940-1781.

Student Counselling Centre
Contact SCC if you are concerned about any aspect of your mental health, including anxiety, stress, or depression, or for help with relationships or other life concerns. SCC offers crisis services as well as individual, couple, and group counselling. Student Counselling Centre: http://umanitoba.ca/student/counselling/index.html
474 University Centre or S207 Medical Services
(204) 474-8592

Student Support Case Management
Contact the Student Support Case Management team if you are concerned about yourself or another student and don’t know where to turn. SSCM helps connect students with on and off campus resources, provides safety planning, and offers other supports, including consultation, educational workshops, and referral to the STATIS threat assessment team. Student Support Intake Assistant http://umanitoba.ca/student/case-manager/index.html
520 University Centre
(204) 474-7423

University Health Service
Contact UHS for any medical concerns, including mental health problems. UHS offers a full range of medical services to students, including psychiatric consultation. University Health Service http://umanitoba.ca/student/health/
104 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus
(204) 474-8411 (Business hours or after hours/urgent calls)

Health and Wellness
Contact our Health and Wellness Educator if you are interested in information on a broad range of health topics, including physical and mental health concerns, alcohol and substance use harms, and sexual assault. Health and Wellness Educator http://umanitoba.ca/student/health-wellness/welcome.html
Katie.Kutryk@umanitoba.ca
469 University Centre
(204) 295-9032

Live Well @ UofM
For comprehensive information about the full range of health and wellness resources available on campus, visit the Live Well @ UofM site: http://umanitoba.ca/student/livewell/index.html

Section (e) sample: re: A notice with respect to copyright:
All students are required to respect copyright as per Canada’s *Copyright Act*. Staff and students play a key role in the University’s copyright compliance as we balance user rights for educational purposes with the rights of content creators from around the world. The Copyright Office provides copyright resources and support for all members of the University of Manitoba community. Visit [http://umanitoba.ca/copyright](http://umanitoba.ca/copyright) for more information.

**Section (d) sample:** re: A statement directing the student to University and Unit policies, procedures, and supplemental information available on-line:

**Your rights and responsibilities**

As a student of the University of Manitoba you have rights and responsibilities. It is important for you to know what you can expect from the University as a student and to understand what the University expects from you. Become familiar with the policies and procedures of the University and the regulations that are specific to your faculty, college or school.

The [Academic Calendar](http://umanitoba.ca/student/records/academiccalendar.html) is one important source of information. View the sections *University Policies and Procedures* and *General Academic Regulations*.

While all of the information contained in these two sections is important, the following information is highlighted.

- If you have questions about your grades, talk to your instructor. There is a process for term work and final **grade appeals**. Note that you have the right to access your final examination scripts. See the Registrar’s Office website for more information including appeal deadline dates and the appeal form [http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/](http://umanitoba.ca/registrar/)

- You are expected to view the General Academic Regulation section within the Academic Calendar and specifically read the **Academic Integrity** regulation. Consult the course syllabus or ask your instructor for additional information about
demonstrating academic integrity in your academic work. Visit the Academic Integrity Site for tools and support [http://umanitoba.ca/academicintegrity/](http://umanitoba.ca/academicintegrity/) View the **Student Academic Misconduct** procedure for more information.

- The University is committed to a respectful work and learning environment. You have the right to be treated with respect and you are expected conduct yourself in an appropriate respectful manner. Policies governing behavior include the:

  **Respectful Work and Learning Environment**


  **Student Discipline**

  [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/students/student_discipline.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/students/student_discipline.html) and,

  **Violent or Threatening Behaviour**


- If you experience **Sexual Assault** or know a member of the University community who has, it is important to know there is a policy that provides information about the supports available to those who disclose and outlines a process for reporting. The **Sexual Assault** policy may be found at: [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/governing_documents/community/230.html)

  More information and resources can be found by reviewing the Sexual Assault site [http://umanitoba.ca/student/sexual-assault/](http://umanitoba.ca/student/sexual-assault/)

- For information about rights and responsibilities regarding **Intellectual Property** view the policy [http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Intellectual_Property_Policy_-_2013_10_01.pdf](http://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/media/Intellectual_Property_Policy_-_2013_10_01.pdf)

For information on regulations that are specific to your academic program, read the section in the Academic Calendar and on the respective faculty/college/school web site [http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/](http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/)

Contact an **Academic Advisor** within our faculty/college or school for questions about
your academic program and regulations http://umanitoba.ca/academic-advisors/

**Student Advocacy**

Contact Student Advocacy if you want to know more about your rights and responsibilities as a student, have questions about policies and procedures, and/or want support in dealing with academic or discipline concerns.

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