1 Course Details

1.1 Calendar Description

This course examines growth, digestive and metabolic processes, nutritional requirements and practical feeding programs for fish and crustaceans with an emphasis on those species used in aquaculture.

Pre-Requisite(s): NUTR*3210

1.2 Course Description

The course will provide the student with a broad overview of the state-of-the-art on nutrition and feeding of fishes and crustaceans from an aquaculture perspective.

The course will also help the students cultivate the skills needed to be able to understand, search, and critically evaluate information on nutrition of fishes and crustaceans, and subsequently use this information to address various practical issues and challenges in aquaculture.

1.3 Timetable

Lectures on Tuesdays, Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. - 11:20 a.m. in MCKN 117.

1.4 Final Exam

The final exam will be in class on 5 April 2018.

2 Instructional Support

2.1 Instructor(s)

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Email inquiries are preferred and generally answered rapidly.

2.2 Teaching Assistant(s)

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3 Learning Resources

3.1 Additional Resource(s)

Electronic copy of handout (copies of the PPT slides) and other material will be posted on a weekly basis on the course website. (Other)

4 Learning Outcomes

4.1 Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

1. Literacy: Students will be required to critically review and understand the up-to-date scientific information on fish nutrition compiled in course notes and lecture material (power point slides). The students will also be required to review scientific papers and technical documents, comprehend and present ideas and research findings into an imposed format.

2. Understanding of Forms of Inquiry: A major theme of this course will pertain to the process whereby information is searched in a variety of source to achieve a series of tasks with strong practical applications.

3. Depth and Breadth of Understanding: This course will cross several conventional discipline boundaries within the broad areas of nutrition, metabolism, physiology, chemistry, aquaculture, natural history and biology of fish, environmental biology, feed technology, etc. Students will be encouraged to go beyond material discussed in class.

4. Independence of Thought: Emphasis will be placed on identifying and understanding the basis for current viewpoints. Inevitably, this results in challenges to orthodoxy.

5. Love of Learning: This course will be aimed at helping students to distinguish between education and training, and to ascribe value to both.
4.2 Specific Learning Outcomes

1. Review nutrition and feeding in the context of the conversion of dietary inputs into aquatic animal biomass and marketable products under controlled conditions (aquaculture context).
2. Develop an understanding of the basic digestive, physiological and metabolic processes in fish and crustaceans that are relevant to nutrient utilization.
3. Learn to follow and identify the fate of ingested nutrients and understand the basis of their essentiality, deficiency signs, and interactions between nutrients and/or different dietary components.
4. Develop an understanding growth processes and factors affecting growth, and learning how to describe and analyze growth performance of fish and crustaceans using simple mathematical equations.
5. Learn about some of the methods and protocols commonly used in fish nutrition research.
6. Compare approaches for establishing nutrient requirements, nutritional specifications, and feed formulation guidelines and be able to discuss some of the limitations and implications of these approaches.
7. Learn about feed ingredients, their origin, and the factors affecting their quality and nutritive value.
8. Learn about formulation and manufacturing artificial diets (feeds) suitable for fish and crustaceans production.
9. Be exposed to current and emerging issues in aquaculture (environmental impacts, product quality and safety, profitability, etc.) upon which nutrition and feeding may have major impacts/effects.
10. Acquire some of the skills needed to be able to effectively gather, integrate and analyze scientific and practical information and use this information to develop practical applications for aquaculture and fisheries management.

5 Teaching and Learning Activities

5.1 Lecture

Tue, Jan 9
Topic(s):
Introduction to Course - Module 1: Feeds & Feeding in Aquaculture

Thu, Jan 11
Topic(s):
Module 1: Feeds & Feeding in Aquaculture (Cont’d) + Tutorial Task #1

Tue, Jan 16
Topic(s):
Module 2: Nutritional Concepts

Thu, Jan 18
Topic(s):
Module 2: Nutritional Concepts (Cont’d) + Tutorial Task #2

Tue, Jan 23
Topic(s):
Module 3: Growth Biology
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**5.2 Lab**

Thu, Feb 1
5.3 Tentative Dates
All dates except exams are tentative as of 4 Jan 2018

5.4 Laboratory Practical Sessions
Two practical sessions (labs) will be offered. Each practical will include a very brief evaluation worth 5% of the final mark. Details on the practical sessions will be provided in class.

6 Assessments

6.1 Marking Schemes & Distributions
Term Project (five tasks) = 45%
Practical Sessions (two sessions) = 10%
Mid-Term Exam (in class) = 20%
Final Exam (in class) = 20%
Take Home Exam Question = 5%

6.2 Assessment Details
Term Project - Five Tasks (45.00%)
Date: Thu, Jan 18 - Thu, Mar 22
Five different tasks (assignments) with various due dates.


Detailed instructions on how to complete the five tasks are provided in a document posted on the course website. Tutorial sessions will be offered for each tasks. The teaching assistants will be available several hours every week to guide and assist the students with the completion of the tasks.

Practical Sessions (2) (10.00%)
Various times; 2 sessions worth 5% each.

Practical Session #1 will focus on fish nutrition research techniques and equipment.

Practical Session #2 will focus on feed ingredients and feed manufacturing.
Midterm (20.00%)
Date: Thu, Feb 15, In class
Mid-term exam covering material reviewed in class from January 9, 2018 to Feb 13, 2018. Eight to 10 questions with short and medium length answers. No calculations required.

Final Exam (20.00%)
Date: Thu, Apr 5, In class
Final exam covering material reviewed in class from February 27, 2018 to April 3, 2018. Not cumulative. Eight to 10 questions requiring short (i.e. a few words) to medium length (i.e. a few lines) answers. No calculations.

Take Home Question (5%) (0.00%)
Date: Thu, Mar 22 - Thu, Apr 12, Home
Take home exam involving one essay-style question. Answer to be returned by email to instructor before 12 April 2018.

7 Course Statements

7.1 Grading Policies
Assignments (tasks) and exams will be graded in a timely fashion (within 10 days) and they returned to the students (except the final exam) with either personalized feedback or general feedback in class to highlight some of the shortcomings in the students’ work or understanding of the concepts.

Assignments (term project tasks) must be submitted by 11 p.m. on the due date. Assignments submitted late with be subjected to 10% penalty per day late.

8 University Statements

8.1 Email Communication
As per university regulations, all students are required to check their e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

8.2 When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement
When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. The regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration are detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar.

8.3 Drop Date
Courses that are one semester long must be dropped by the end of the fortieth class day; two-semester courses must be dropped by the last day of the add period in the second semester. The regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses are available in the Undergraduate Calendar.
8.4 Copies of Out-of-class Assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

8.5 Accessibility

The University promotes the full participation of students who experience disabilities in their academic programs. To that end, the provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between the University and the student.

When accommodations are needed, the student is required to first register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Documentation to substantiate the existence of a disability is required, however, interim accommodations may be possible while that process is underway.

Accommodations are available for both permanent and temporary disabilities. It should be noted that common illnesses such as a cold or the flu do not constitute a disability.

Use of the SAS Exam Centre requires students to book their exams at least 7 days in advance, and not later than the 40th Class Day.

More information: www.uoguelph.ca/sas

8.6 Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University's policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that discourages misconduct. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar.

8.7 Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

8.8 Resources

The Academic Calendars are the source of information about the University of Guelph’s procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate, graduate and diploma programs.
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