

Course Outline Form: Summer 2019

General Information

Course Code: ANSC*6740 Section 2

Course Title: Special Topics in Applied Animal Welfare Science – Poultry Welfare

Course Description:

This graduate course is covering in depth topics in domestic bird welfare. The course will review the scientific research into the welfare of domestic birds or a specific bird welfare problem common across avian species, include field trip(s) focusing on the main threats to bird welfare, relevant indicators of welfare, and possible solutions to improve domestic bird welfare.

Credit Weight: 0.5

Academic Department (or campus): Department of Animal Biosciences

Campus: Guelph

Semester Offering: Summer 2019

Class Schedule and Location:

- 1 - Thursday, May 2nd, 9 am, ANNU Room 102
- 2 - Friday, May 3rd, 9 am, ANNU Room 102
- 3 - Monday, May 6th, 9 am, ANNU Room 102
- 4 - Tuesday, May 7th, 9 am, ANNU Room 102
- 5 - Wednesday, May 8th, 9 am, ANNU Room 102

Instructor Information

Instructor Name: Dr. Alexandra Harlander

Instructor Email: aharland@uoguelph.ca

Office location and office hours: ANNU 247. Instructor for this course has no office hours. Contact the instructor through email (subject: ANSC*6740 Section 2: Poultry Welfare) to set up an appointment.

Course Content

Specific Learning Outcomes:

This course should give students a thorough understanding of domestic bird welfare. The general aims of the course are to:

1. introduce students to domestic bird welfare
2. identify bird welfare issues associated with farming and why they are important
3. identify how to use relevant information technology to access and analyse literature
4. introduce students how to evaluate relevant research and identify research knowledge gaps
5. introduce students how to incorporate outside (field trips) experiences to break down the barriers between the university and real-world on-farm bird welfare problems

Course Delivery and Evaluation:

The course will be delivered throughout 5 days at the University of Guelph. During this period, contact time will include lectures, discussions, and a field visit/field visits (depending on availability). Discussions will be done in small groups via Gallery Walks in oral and written presentations completed during the course week.

At the end of this intensive class period, students will write a literature review on a specific topic related to domestic bird welfare. This review will be due, and presented to the class, ten weeks later (time and location: TBD). Students will be evaluated on contribution to the discussion in (Gallery Walks) and outside (field trip) class (50%), a literature review (on a specific topic related to domestic bird 30%) and presentation of that literature review to the class (20%).