Appendix No. 1.5 to the Resolution No. 61/2025
of the Rector of the University of Rzeszów

SYLLABUS

REGARDING THE QUALIFICATION CYCLE FROM 2026/2027 TO 2029/2030
ACADEMIC YEAR 2028/2029

1. BASIC COURSE/MODULE INFORMATION

Course/Module title	**Animal Welfare**
Course/Module code *	
Faculty (name of the unit offering the field of study)	Faculty of Technology and Natural Sciences
Name of the unit running the course	Department of Animal Production and Poultry Product Evaluation
Field of study	Agriculture
Qualification level	1st degree
Profile	general academic
Study mode	stationary
Year and semester of studies	3nd year, semester 5
Course type	Specialization: Agronomy with Agribusiness
Language of instruction	English
Coordinator	Assoc prof. Jadwiga Topczewska
Course instructor	Assoc. prof. Jadwiga Topczewska; PhD Eng. Jadwiga Lechowska

* - as agreed at the faculty

1.1. Learning format – number of hours and ECTS credits

Semester (no.)	Lectures	Classes	Laboratories	Seminars	Practical classes	Internships	others	**ECTS credits**
5	15	15						**2**

1.2. Course delivery methods
■ conducted in a traditional way
- involving distance education methods and techniques

1.3. Course/Module assessment (exam, pass with a grade, pass without a grade)
pass with a grade

2. PREREQUISITES

Knowledge of the rearing, breeding and use of farm animals

3. OBJECTIVES, LEARNING OUTCOMES, COURSE CONTENT, AND INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

3.1. Course/Module objectives

O1	To familiarise students with issues relating to the welfare of farm animals.
O2	To develop the ability to assess the level of animal welfare
O3	To develop responsibility for the protection and welfare of animals

3.2. COURSE/MODULE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcome	The description of the learning outcome defined for the course/module	Relation to the degree programme outcomes
LO_01	The student is familiar with the legal regulations governing the welfare of farm animals	K_W06
LO_02	defines animal welfare, lists the criteria for assessing it and the relevant indicators, taking into account the specific characteristics of each animal species	K_W06, K_U03
LO_03	is able to assess the level of welfare of farm animals using various methods and indicators	K_U03, K_U04
LO_04	Applies their knowledge in the process of producing high-quality food and improving the welfare of farm animals	K_K01

3.3. Course content

A. Lectures

Content outline
Polish and international law on the humane treatment of animals.
Animal welfare, methods and criteria for its assessment.
Selected issues relating to the welfare of farm animals, including the transport of animals.
Animal welfare and protection in the EU's sustainable development strategy.

B. Classes

Content outline
Selected welfare issues in large-scale poultry production. Group discussion. A review of the relevant literature.
Selected welfare issues in large-scale pig production. Group discussion. A review of the relevant literature.
Selected welfare issues in dairy and beef cattle farming.
Selected welfare issues in the rearing and breeding of various species of farm animals (small ruminants, fur-bearing animals, herbivores and carnivores, horses, hobby farming and animals not typically found in Poland). Group discussion.

3.4. Methods of Instruction
Lecture: a lecture supported by a multimedia presentation
Classes: text analysis and discussion, group work

4. Assessment techniques and criteria
4.1 Methods of evaluating learning outcomes

Learning outcome	Methods of assessment of learning outcomes (e.g. test, oral exam, written exam, project, report, observation during classes)	Learning format (lectures, classes...)
LO_01	colloquium	lectures
LO_02	colloquium, participation in a discussion	lectures, classes
LO_03	colloquium, participation in a discussion	classes
LO_04	classroom observation, participation in discussions	classes

4.2 Course assessment criteria

Lecture: pass (test) Classroom exercises: pass with a mark based on test results, oral contributions and continuous assessment. Components and weightings affecting the final mark for the course: lecture (test) 50 per cent, seminars: test 30 per cent, class participation 20 per cent. To pass the course, students must achieve all the specified learning outcomes.

5. Total student workload needed to achieve the intended learning outcomes – number of hours and ECTS credits

Activity	Number of hours
Course hours	30
Other contact hours involving the teacher (consultation hours, examinations)	1
Non-contact hours - student's own work (preparation for classes or examinations, projects, etc.)	19
Total number of hours	50
Total number of ECTS credits	2

* One ECTS point corresponds to 25-30 hours of total student workload

6. Internships related to the course/module

Number of hours	Not applicable
Internship regulations and procedures	-

7. Instructional materials

Compulsory literature: materials provided by the teacher and online resources on the topics covered
Complementary literature: online resources on the topics covered

Approved by the Head of the Department or an authorised person