

DASC90011 Genetics and Animal Breeding

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	This subject is not offered in 2013.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: Up to 45 hours of lectures/practicals/tutorials Total Time Commitment: Not available
Prerequisites:	Eligibility for honours or postgraduate degree
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/disability/
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Subject Overview:	<p>This subject covers the application of genetics to the breeding of animals. It explores the application of quantitative and molecular genetics in domestic animal improvement programs. Modern animal breeding requires an understanding of how traditional and genomic selection tools can be successfully applied in practical breeding programs. Practical topics will be explored to develop the skills to interpret genetic data and to manage breeding programs: using real data, computer simulations and modelling software. The topics to be covered include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • definition of breeding objectives in economic terms; • the meaning and application of genetic parameters; • estimation and interpretation of breeding values and selection indices; • applications of genomics tools • applications for modern reproductive biotechnology such as cloning • design of breeding programs.
Objectives:	<p>On completion of this subject, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • express the meaning and application of a range of genetic parameters • estimate breeding values and use genetic tools to determine the impact of selection and crossbreeding • identify the impact of inbreeding • evaluate a range of genetic tools (including molecular and reproductive biotechnologies) for the design of breeding programs.
Assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One 3-hour written examination (50%), • Up to three written practical reports and one assignment totaling 5000 words (35%), • One seminar presentation equivalent to 2000 words (15%).
Prescribed Texts:	N/A
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	<p>On completion of this subject, students should have developed these generic skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • academic excellence • greater in-depth understanding of the scientific disciplines of applied animal genetics • critical thinking and analysis, and problem solving • flexibility and level of transferable skills should be enhanced through improved ability to communicate ideas effectively in both written and verbal formats.
Notes:	This subject will run in 2012 subject to sufficient student enrolments.
Related Course(s):	<p>Master of Agricultural Science Master of Animal Science Postgraduate Diploma in Agricultural Science Postgraduate Diploma in Animal Science and Management</p>
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	<p>Honours Program - Agricultural Science Honours Program - Animal Science and Management</p>