DEPARTMENT OF POULTRY SCIENCE
NEW STUDENT CONFERENCE
WHY STUDY POULTRY SCIENCE?

• One of six remaining independent Poultry Science departments in the United States
• Largest department based on student enrollment!
• Growing Industry
• #1 Most Consumed Protein in United States
• #2 Most Consumed Protein Worldwide
• Increase in production = MORE JOBS FOR YOU!
WHY STUDY POULTRY SCIENCE?

Large Campus - Small Department
- Students develop relationships with fellow students and faculty
- Great Instructor to Student Ratio
- Average Time to Degree: incoming freshmen - 4 years or less, transfers – 2 years

Job Market
- 100% job placement
  - ~ 3 offers / graduate
- Average starting salary
  - $45,000 - $55,000
- Time to mid-management
  - 3-5 years
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

• Fall 2019 Enrollment: ~200 undergrad students
• Completion of 120 hours results in B.S. in Poultry Science
• Undergraduate Curriculum Options
  • Industry Curriculum (70%)
    • Courses focus on business side of the Industry
    • Includes: Accounting, Marketing, Management
  • Technical Curriculum (30%)
    • Courses focus on the Sciences
    • Meets most prerequisites for vet school and professional programs
    • Includes: Microbiology, Biochemistry, Genetics

• 100% job placement rate!
GRADUATE PROGRAM

Graduate Degree Options
• Master of Agriculture (M.Ag.): Online Option
• Master of Science (M.S.)
• Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

Average enrollment: 60 students
ADD/DROP, Q-DROP & WITHDRAWALS

• Add/Drop
  • First 5 days of a regular term
  • First 4 days of a summer term

• Q-Drop
  • 4 Q-drops at TAMU (6 Q-Drops Statewide)
  • On or before the 60th class day
  • Advising Appointment Required

• Withdrawal
  • On or before the 60th class day
  • Requires complete withdrawal of ALL classes for term
  • Processed in the Dean’s Office (515 AGLS)
DEPARTMENTAL PROBATION & DISMISSAL

- Cumulative GPA below 2.0
  - 1st Semester < 2.0:
    - Academic probation and blocked from course registration
  - 2nd Semester < 2.0 and previous academic probation terms are NOT met:
    - Dismissed from major with the option to appeal for continued enrollment
  - 3rd Semester < 2.0:
    - Dismissed from Major with no option to appeal
    - Eligible to apply for readmission after one academic year

- Summer semesters are not taken into consideration in regards to probation and dismissal.

*If a student meets terms of probation and falls below a 2.0 overall GPA in a subsequent semester, the student will be dismissed from the major with the option to appeal*
DEPARTMENTAL PROBATION & DISMISSAL

• Term GPA below 2.0
  
  1st Term < 2.0:
  • Placed on Term academic Probation and will receive a letter and/or email
  • Blocked from registration until meeting with advisor

  2nd Term < 2.0 and previous academic probation terms are NOT met:
  • Dismissed from Poultry Science with option to appeal

  3rd Term < 2.0:
  • Dismissed from Poultry Science with no option to appeal
  • Eligible to apply for readmission after one academic year

Term GPA’s do not need to be consecutive to determine probation and/ or dismissal
UNIVERSITY SUSPENSION

• Undergraduate students who are suspended must leave the university for a period of 12 months and are permitted to re-apply for admission to return to Texas A&M after that 12-month period
  • Comes from Undergraduate Studies
  • Option to appeal if extenuating circumstances
  • For additional information http://us.tamu.edu/Students/Suspension
POULTRY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Annually, we award ~ $100,000 in scholarships to POSC undergraduate students
Range from $1,000 to $5,000 per year

Qualifications for Scholarships
• Must have at least a 2.5 GPA
• Involvement in department, club, and university activities
• Work Experience
• Participate in major show wingbandings
• Application is due February

Scholarships are competitive!
GET INVOLVED: STUDENT GROUPS

Poultry Science Club
• Participate in service and social activities
• Informational flyer in folder!

Aggie Leadership Council
• Ambassadors who represent department at recruiting and state poultry industry functions

Collegiate Poultry Judging Team
• Tradition of Championship!
• Course: POSC 304
HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES

Undergraduate Research
- Work directly with a professor on research
- Build your resume
- Research experience for graduate school

Internships
- Work directly for a poultry related company
- Get experience & get paid
- “Test the water”

Study Abroad
- International Poultry Production
- Typically in January
- Travel the world

All can be taken for course credits as elective hours!
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: INDUSTRY

Live Production
- Layers & Breeders
- Broilers
- Feed Mill/ Nutrition

Processing
- Quality Assurance
- USDA/FDA
- Further Processing
- Product Development

Food Industry

Sales & Marketing

Policy & Public Relations

Education
- Ag Teachers
- County Extension Agents
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES: TECHNICAL

Animal Health
Genetics
Nutrition
Biochemistry
Microbiology
Physiology
Academia
Research

Professional Programs
• Veterinary Medicine
• Medical
• Nursing
UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

• CHECK YOUR TAMU EMAIL!

• Provide Resources:
  • Scholarships, internships, fulltime employment, research opportunities, etc.

• Assist with your degree planners/degree evaluation

• Advising Appointments
  • Walk-In Advising
  • Appointments **REQUIRED** during pre-registration
  • Be on time and prepared!

• Advise, not do it for you!
POSC STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

• Extension Opportunities
  • Wingbanders & Fertile Flock
  • Contact Stephanie Klein (sklein@tamu.edu)
  • Flyer in Folder

• Farm Opportunities
  • Farm Student Worker Positions
  • Contact Micah Osburn (msosburn94@tamu.edu)

• Undergraduate Research Opportunities
  • Contact Faculty
  • List of Faculty in Folder

For all department employment opportunities read emails!!
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Poultry Science Weekend (Fall Semester)
- TBD (October or November)
- Steak Fry on Friday Evening
- Skeet Shoot on Saturday Morning
- Aggie Tailgate Watch Party on Saturday
- EVERYONE WELCOME!

Department of Poultry Science Banquet (Spring Semester)
- Saturday, April 18th, 2020
- Part of TAMU Family Weekend
- Student Recognition
- Scholarships & More!
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REGISTRATION TIPS

• Holds
  • Lab Safety Acknowledgment

• Restrictions
  • READ THEM!

• Core Curriculum Requirements
  • core.tamu.edu
  • Click on tabs for each core area

• International Cultural Diversity Requirement
  • icd.tamu.edu

Plan your schedule!
REGISTRATION TIPS

• Required POSC Courses for First Semester
  - POSC 201 – General Avian Science (3 hours) CRN: 40170
  - POSC 302 – General Avian Science Lab (1 hour) Multiple Sections

• Additional POSC Course Option for First Semester
  - POSC 381 – Professional Development in Poultry Science (2 hours) CRN:12513
  - POSC 309 – Poultry Meat Production (4 hours) Multiple Sections

• If not complete: (core.tamu.edu)
  - CHEM 119 – General Chemistry I & Lab
  - BIOL 111 – Introductory Biology or BIOL 107 – Zoology
  - Math Electives
  - Communication Electives
  - History Electives
  - Government Electives

• POSC Electives – Will count in general electives
  - POSC 333 – Instincts and Behavior (3 hours)
  - POSC 304 – Poultry Judging (3 hours)
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