



DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCES

COURSE OUTLINE – SPRING 2015

BK200 – BEEKEEPING WORK EXPERIENCE-5(0-0-40)

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OFFICE HOURS: As posted

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

The student must successfully completed BK 101, BK 110, BK 133 and BK 134 in the *Theory of Apiculture* program module during January/February.

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

N/A

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This is a 23-week paid practical summer work experience; students are place with a commercial beekeeping operation. A minimum of 920 hours of work experience is required.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:

Credits: 5

A minimum of 920 hours of work experience is required to successfully complete this course.

DELIVERY MODES:

N/A – off site work experience placement.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To give the students an opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have acquired in the Theory of Beekeeping program module.

2. To enable students to experience and learn first-hand the various functions of commercial beekeeping during the busy honey producing season.
3. To give students practical experience in apiary and field skills, hive management, disease identification and treatment, and honey production.
4. To enable the Bee program instructors to assist students in bridging the gap between classroom instruction and on-the-job performance by providing formative evaluation in conjunction with outside evaluation.
5. To help students find employment by gaining experience required to enter commercial beekeeping.

GRADING CRITERIA:

If the student has satisfactorily met the expectations of the employer/supervisor and the program instructor/placement coordinator during the work experience period, the student shall receive CREDIT for the course. No letter grade shall be assigned for this course.
ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CREDIT IS AWARDED.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. The students, in consultation with the program instructor/coordinator, shall determine the company where the work experience will take place. Each student will provide a 1-page resume to the placement coordinator for the purpose of sending to potential work experience employers. Each potential workplace employer will provide a completed work experience employment summary/overview of their commercial operations as a resource to students.
2. The student will complete a work experience orientation booklet and ensure that a monthly timesheet is available to record their running hours.
3. The student, placement coordinator and employer/supervisor will meet to determine the work experience component, hours of employment, remuneration, provisions for room and board, evaluation procedures, etc.
4. The program coordinator will maintain contact and provide regular monitoring during the first 10 weeks/400 hours of the work experience. A work assessment seminar with the student, placement coordinator and employer/supervisor should be scheduled between 20—30 days from the start of the work placement. A second work assessment seminar should be scheduled within weeks 8 to 10 of the work placement.
5. The student is required to submit bi-weekly reports during the work experience period on a regular basis and retain a copy for their own records.
6. Upon return to GPRC for the fall semester the student will prepare a brief 1-2 page summary report and submit it to the program coordinator. The report should include the

students name, placement company, date, a list of specific work elements that the student performed and a paragraph of self-evaluation of their own abilities to perform the work of a commercial beekeeper. The work experience summary report should also include a brief comment and signature of the employer/work supervisor with whom the student has been placed.

7. Both the student and the employer/supervisor are required to notify the program instructor/placement coordinator IMMEDIATELY if there are any problems or concerns that they are not able to resolve. At the request of either the student or the employer, the work experience placement may cease and alternate arrangement will be made for the student to complete their work experience.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Admission Guide at

<http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies/**

**Note: all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

Full time, average 40 hours per week March 19 – September 28, excluding 2 weeks in June, where the student will return to Fairview to complete BK135.