



Universitat de Lleida

DEGREE CURRICULUM
SWINE HEALTH AND CLINICS

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Subject's general information

Subject name	SWINE HEALTH AND CLINICS				
Code	100365				
Semester	2nd Q(SEMESTER) CONTINUED EVALUATION				
Typology	Degree	Course	Character	Modality	
	Double bachelor's degree: Bachelor's Degree in Veterinary Medicine and Bachelor's Degree in Science and Production	4	COMPULSORY	Attendance- based	
Course number of credits (ECTS)	6				
Type of activity, credits, and groups	Activity type	PRACLIN	PRALAB	PRAULA	TEORIA
	Number of credits	0.6	2.2	0.2	3
	Number of groups	6	4	2	1
Coordination	MARTINEZ LOBO, FRANCISCO JAVIER				
Department	ANIMAL SCIENCE				
Teaching load distribution between lectures and independent student work	Lectures: 60 hours Independent student work: 90 hours				
Important information on data processing	Consult this link for more information.				
Language	Spanish Catalan				
Distribution of credits	Theory (i.e. Lectures): 3 credits Practical lessons: 3 credits				

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Learning objectives

Knowledge objectives:

1. The student should know the main methods and procedures of clinical examination pigs. The student should know the laboratory diagnostic techniques used in swine production medicine as well as analyze and interpretate them.
2. The student should know the diseases related to reproductive failure, its diagnosis and its most appropriate treatment. In addition, the student must know the diagnosis and treatment of infectious and parasitic diseases affecting pigs, including measures to prevent the infection of susceptible animals and the spread of the infectious agent from infected animals.

Capacity objectives:

1. Establish the most appropriate treatment of diseases that affect the pig.
2. Design and implement control and eradication plans for the main contagious diseases of pigs

Competences

Basic competences

- CB1. To have and understand knowledge in an area of study that starts at the base of general secondary education, and is usually found at a level that, although supported by advanced textbooks, also includes some aspects that involve knowledge from the avant-garde from your field of study.
- CB2. Apply your knowledge to your work or vocation professionally and have the skills that are usually demonstrated through the elaboration and defense of arguments and the resolution of problems within your area of study.
- CB3. Ability to collect and interpret relevant data (usually within their area of study) to issue judgments that include a reflection on relevant issues of a social, scientific or ethical nature.
- CB4. To be able to transmit information, ideas, problems and solutions to a specialized audience as not specialized.
- CB5. Know how to develop those learning abilities necessary to undertake further studies with a high degree of autonomy.

General competences

CG2. Prevention, diagnosis and individual or collective treatment, as well as the fight against animal diseases, are considered individually or in a group, particularly zoonoses.

CG4. The obtaining in optimal and economically profitable conditions of products of animal origin and the assessment of its environmental impact.

CG5. Knowledge and application of legal, regulatory and administrative provisions in all areas of the veterinary profession and public health, including the ethical implications of health in a changing global context.

CG6. Development of professional practice with respect to other health professionals, acquiring skills related to team work, efficient use of resources and quality management.

CG7. Identification of emerging risks in all areas of the veterinary profession.

Specific competences

CE14. Identify and apply the clinical examination methods and procedures, complementary diagnostic techniques and their interpretation, as well as identify and apply the foundations of the necropsies.

CE16. Identify and apply the recognition and diagnosis of the different types of lesions and their association with the pathological processes.

CE17. Know and apply the clinical study of the patient and the medical, surgical or hygienic-dietary treatments that he requires, as well as sporadic diseases that affect groups.

CE19. Understand the principles of reproduction, part, puerperium and assisted reproduction: Cures and illnesses.

CE20. To know the general pharmacological bases and study the different types of drugs, pharmacotherapy, identify natural and synthetic toxics and apply the principles of animal and environmental toxicology.

CE22. Know the infectious and parasitic diseases of veterinary interest including their diagnosis and fight as well as apply the bases of Zoonoses and Public Health.

CE39. Treat and manipulate animals safely and humanely, and instruct other people on how to properly perform these techniques.

CE40. Perform basic analytical techniques and interpret their clinical, biological and chemical results, interpret the results of the tests generated by other laboratories as well as collect, preserve and send all kinds of samples with their corresponding report.

CE41. Diagnose the most common diseases by using different general and instrumental techniques.

CE42. Use radiographic and ultrasonographic equipment, as well as other equipment that can be used as a means of diagnosis, in a secure way and complying with the regulations.

CE44. Address emergencies and first aid in veterinary medicine.

CE46. Evaluate and interpret the productive and health parameters of an animal group, considering the economic

and welfare aspects.

Transversal competences

- CT1. Acquire an adequate understanding and oral and written expression of Catalan and Spanish.
- CT2. Acquire a significant command of a foreign language, especially English.
- CT3. Acquire training in the use of new technologies and information and communication technologies.
- CT4. Acquire basic knowledge of entrepreneurship and professional environments.
- CT5. Acquire essential notions of scientific thought.

Subject contents

Lecture Program (3 credits)

- 1: Systematics of the visit and evaluation of pig farms of different categories and productive orientation. Evaluation of facilities and animals. Clinical and propaedeutic history (1 hour)
- 2: Physiopathology of reproductive failure (1 hour).
- 3. Non-infectious reproductive failure. Anoestros. Cyclic and acyclic heat repetitions. Abortions of non-infectious etiology. (2 hours)
- 4. Differential diagnosis of the main infectious-contagious diseases that cause reproductive failure in pigs. Ubiquitous pathogens causing reproductive failure Non-reproductive specific pathogens, incapable of replication in the reproductive tract. Non-specific reproductive pathogens that can replicate in the reproductive system and cause reproductive failure. Specific reproductive pathogens. (5 hours)
- 5. Main causes of mortality in breeding sows. Diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control (1 hour).
- 6. Non-infectious causes of mortality in suckling piglets (1 hour). Crushing, hypoglycemia, low viability, and congenital abnormalities. Prevention and control measures.
- 7. Infectious diseases in suckling piglets. Exudative epidermitis. *S. equisimilis* streptococci. Neonatal diarrhea (coccidiosis, colibacillosis, clostridiosis, rotavirus and porcine epidemic diarrhea). Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures (3 hours)
- 8. Infectious diseases of pigs in transition: Post-weaning colibacillosis. Edema disease. Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures (2 hours)
- 9: Infectious diseases of pigs in transition: Porcine streptococci. Glässer's disease. Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures (2 hours)
- 10: Diseases of fattening pigs: non-infectious digestive diseases (1 hour). Mechanical diarrhea and gastric ulcers. Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures
- 11: Diseases of fattening pigs: Infectious digestive diseases. swine dysentery. Porcine proliferative enteropathy. Porcine enteric complex (3 hours). Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures
- 12. Diseases of fattening pigs: Respiratory diseases. Atrophic rhinitis, swine flu, swine pleuropneumonia, mycoplasmosis and enzootic pneumonia. Porcine respiratory complex. Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures (4 hours)
- 13. Systemic diseases. Red disease, classical swine fever, and African swine fever. loss processes. Differential diagnosis and prevention and control measures (2 hours)
- 14: Management of renewal sows: health and reproductive points of view. Quarantine and adaptation of renewal sows. Sanitary plans in pigs (2 hours).
- 15: Anesthesia and surgical treatments in pigs. Anesthetics used in pigs. General, local and epidural anesthesia. Castration, vasectomy and hysterectomy. Caesarean section and uterine prolapse. Rectal prolapses. Inguinal and umbilical hernias. (1 hour)
- 16. Most frequent poisonings in pigs. Mycotoxicosis (1 hour).

Practicals (3 credits)

Part 1: Seminars

1. Clinical cases of reproductive failure
2. Clinical case of neonatal diarrheas.
3. Clinical case of diarrheas in growing pigs
4. Clinical case of neurological disorders in growing pigs
5. Clinical case of porcine respiratory disease complex
6. Clinical case of non infectious disease.

Part 2: Field work will be conducted on commercial swine farms (depending on the availability of farms and their health status)

1. Farm visit: review building/equipment designs; practical swine reproductive management; swine record systems...
2. Sampling techniques

Part 3: Necropsy/Surgery

1. Evaluation systems of lung lesions of pigs at slaughter
2. Surgery

Part 4: Group work

Oral communication of clinical cases of topics non covered during the course

Methodology

The teaching is structured in theory sessions, presentations, seminars and practices, according to the time schedule included in the course plan

1. Theoretical classes. Theory classes are based on participatory classes so the student may ask about the matter not understood of each topic. Each session corresponds to a specific topic.
2. Practical classes. The practices are seminars, field work, necropsies, surgeries and group work

Students will have the teaching material in the electronic dossier that appears in **Resources** folder

*** The methodology of the theoretical and practical classes may be altered throughout the course according to the public health status and the measures adopted by the University and/or Public Health Agencies against the health crisis caused by COVID-19.**

Development plan

The schedule and the development plan will be found in the Resources folder

Evaluation

The evaluation is composed of two partial exams

First partial exam. It will count 35% of the final mark. The minimum mark must be a 5 out to 10. This exam has two parts: 50% test (minimum mark 5) and 50% written exam (minimum mark 5)

second partial exam. It will count 45% of the final mark. The minimum mark must be a 5 out to 10. This exam has two parts: 50% test (minimum mark 5) and 50% written exam (minimum mark 5)

At the end of the semester there will be a recovery exam in which the student who has suspended a partial, may recover it.

In case of suspension of both partial, the student must submit to both recovery exams.

Other activities of continuous evaluation: Group work will be 20% of the final mark

Bibliography

Recommended Books

1. Radostis, O.M., Gay, C.C., Hinchcliff, K.W., Constable, P.D. (2006). *Veterinary Medicine. A textbook of the diseases of Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, Goats and Horses*. 10th Edition. Ed. WB Saunders. Elsevier.
2. *The Merck Veterinary Manual* (2011). Editor Cynthia M. Kahn. 9th Edition. Published by Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp., a subsidiary of Merck & Co. Inc. Whitehouse Station, NJ, USA.
3. Es tracta d'un llibre de consulta que tracta amb gran deteniment les malalties que afecten el bestiar porcí. Cada capítol està escrit per un expert i la informació que conté és molt exhaustiva, de manera que la seva utilitat pràctica per als alumnes de grau és limitada.
4. Muirhead M.R., Alexander T.J.L (1997). *Managing pig health and the treatment of disease. A reference for the farm*. 5M Enterprises Ltd. Sheffield, U.K.
5. Domingo M, Segalés J. (2005). *Casos de patología porcina (volumen 1, 2 y 3)*. Editor Novartis Sanidad Animal S.L.. Editorial Edika Med, Barcelona.
6. Gómez Cabrera S. (2010). *Atlas de anatomía patológica del aparato respiratorio del cerdo*. 1^a Edición. Editorial Servet, Zaragoza.
7. Smith T (2005). *Atlas de patología porcina*. 1^a Edición. Editorial McGraw-Hill Interamericana, México.

Series

The Veterinary Clinics of North America with its monographies *Food Animal Practice*, *Equine Practice*, *Small Animal Practice* y *Exotic Animal Practice*. In Spain the serie *Porci* is highly recommendable

Scientific Journals

Relevant information related to diseases and etiological agents is in journals of *Veterinary Science* at *Journal Citation Reports*.

Web sites

<https://www.aasv.org/>

<http://www.eaphm.org/>