



**VETT 235 Lab Animal/Sm Exotic Clin Pro section name section credit hours**  
**Credits**  
**Syllabus**

## Course Information

**Meeting times and location:** section meeting\_times section location

**Catalog description:** Covers the common diseases of lab animals and small exotics and emphasizes proper sanitation and disease prevention techniques, appropriate medication administration procedures, animal nutrition, reproduction, and behavior.

**Prerequisites:** Prerequisites: All Tier-3 courses in VETT program. Student must have clinical site and preceptor approved. Video portfolios must be completed for animal nursing, surgical assisting, and clinical pathology.

**Terms offered:** All Semesters

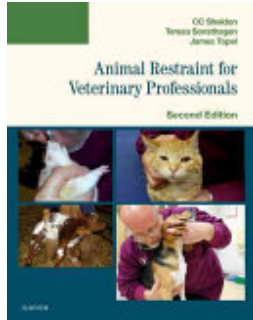
**Section-specific Course Description:**

## Course Level Objectives

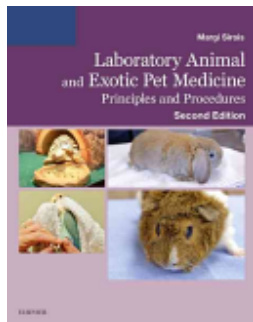
Upon successful completion of this course the student will have a working knowledge of the following content areas:

1. Perform common husbandry techniques involving care of laboratory animals in a clinical setting.
2. Apply understanding of common diseases of laboratory animals encountered in the practice of veterinary medicine.
3. Perform appropriate sanitation and disease prevention techniques.
4. Utilize appropriate medication procedures and techniques for various laboratory animal species.
5. Expand knowledge of nutrition, reproduction and behavior of laboratory animals in a clinical setting.
6. Recognize common disease pathophysiology processes of laboratory animals.

## Required Texts and/or Materials



**Animal Restraint for Veterinary Professionals**  
9780323354943  
C. C. Sheldon, Teresa F. Sonsthagen, James Topel  
Elsevier  
2016-09-30



**Laboratory Animal and Exotic Pet Medicine**  
9780323172998  
Margi Sirois  
Mosby  
2015-10-01

## Required Technology and Software

- Canvas
- Chrome, Safari, or Firefox

## Technical Support

Technical support is available through the San Juan College Help Desk 24/7/365. The help desk can be reached at 505-566-3266 or by creating a ticket at [San Juan College Help Desk](#).

For tickets and password reset: [San Juan College Help Desk](#)

For Canvas support information: [Canvas Support](#)

# Accessibility/Privacy Policies for all Technology Tools Used

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## Course Requirements

The Master Syllabus is intended to provide general course information prior to the start of the course. Please see the Course Guide in the "Begin Your Course Here" module in the VETT 235 Canvas Course for a complete semester Course Schedule and list of weekly course assignments the semester you are enrolled in the course. This course will cover the following topics:

- Introduction to Laboratory Animal Medicine and Research Facilities
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Mouse
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Rat
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Hamster
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Gerbil
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Guinea Pig
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Rabbit
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Ferret
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Chinchilla
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques of the Non-Human Primates
- Care, Handling, Restraint and Clinical Techniques for the Avian Patient
- Care and Handling of Nontraditional Laboratory Animal Species
- Care and Handling of Common Reptile, Fish, and Amphibian Species
- Completion of Clinical Skills through the VETT 235 Fast Track Lab or Video Submission of Task Completion

## COVID Safe Practices for Being on Campus

Masks / cloth face coverings must be worn while on campus in accordance with the New Mexico public health order. If you feel that you cannot wear a mask due to health complications, please contact Disabilities Services:

[disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu) or call (505) 566-3271. Hand sanitizer stations are at all building entrances, please "wash in, wash out"--clean your hands when you enter and before you leave. Classrooms and labs have been arranged to allow for social distancing; please respect your classmates and instructors by staying 6 feet away from everyone. You will be expected to disinfect your table or area prior to class and after

class, cleaning products will be provided for this purpose. Check with your instructor for specific policies for their course. Please do not congregate in hallways or common areas, instead utilize our beautiful outside spaces and weather to visit with your friends and colleagues from a safe distance.

If you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, has symptoms, or is waiting on test results, contact your instructor and DO NOT come to class. If you have tested positive, have symptoms or are waiting on test results, contact your instructor and DO NOT come to class. Your health care provider or the assigned contact tracer will let you know when it is safe for you to be around others.

## Student Support

### **Student Services and Support**

The Student Support webpage provides information on counseling, tutoring, technical support, and many other support services available to San Juan College students.

[Student Support](#)

### **Academic Support**

Academic Support webpage provides information on academic advising, the library, Testing Center, and the honors program.

[Academic Support](#)

## Participation and Attendance Policy

As this course is administered completely online, the student is not required to attend scheduled on campus meetings. The student is expected to regularly login and participate in their course each week throughout the semester. Participation and regular attendance is verified through completion of online discussions, assignments, exams, quizzes, and by regularly accessing lessons and learning objects within each module. Pay attention to weekly due dates listed in the Course Schedule at the end of this Course Guide. Quizzes, assignments, and exams have specific due dates and are not open the entire semester. Students not attending and participating in the course may be dropped for non-attendance.

## Other Classroom Policies and Expectations

Please see the Syllabus and your course for specific information regarding class policies the semester you are enrolled in the course.

## Canvas Participation and Expectations

The student is expected to regularly login and participate in their course each week throughout the semester. Participation and regular attendance is verified through completion of online discussions, assignments, exams, quizzes, and by regularly accessing lessons and learning objects within each module.

## Instructor Response Time

Unless otherwise noted, students may expect to have their assignments graded and grades posted within 5 working days after the assignment due date. Delays may occur during periods of heavy grading such as during midterms and finals. If there is going to be a delay in posting grades your instructor will email or post an announcement on your course site.

Please see the Course home page of your course in Canvas the semester you are enrolled in the course for instructor contact information and office hours.

## Course Time Commitment

The average student should expect to spend approximately 6-8 hours each week completing reading assignments and components of each weekly module. Additional time may be required for completion of clinical tasks depending on the method of task completion chosen by the student. Some weekly lessons/modules will require more study and research time than others. Use the weekly due date to stay on schedule throughout the semester and set a goal to complete all components of a module by the due date listed in your Course Schedule and the Canvas Module screen.

## Grading

Please see the course syllabus the semester you are enrolled in the course for the exact grading policies and assignment schedule that will be used that semester.

## Key Dates to Remember

[Full Academic Calendar](#)

## Course Schedule

Once the course begins, weekly Modules should be completed by Monday each week of the semester with the Final due date of the semester ending on a Friday. It's important to remember the SJC Academic Calendar is set to a normal 16-week semester schedule and all VTDL P courses follow a 12-week semester schedule. For VTDL P courses, instructors are required to adhere to deadlines established by the Registrar for 12-week courses which may be different from the SJC 16-week semester dates.

Please see the Course Schedule posted in the "Begin Your Course Here" module in your VETT 235 Canvas Course for a complete list of assignments and weekly due dates the semester you are enrolled in the course.

## College Policies

The following information also applies to your work in this class. If you have special needs for campus emergency situations, please inform me immediately.

### 1. **Academic Accommodations - American with Disabilities Act (ADA)**

If you believe you need academic accommodations due to physical or learning disabilities, you are encouraged to inform them as soon as possible. The coordinator can work with you in verifying your disabilities and developing accommodation strategies. Please go to [Disability Services Office](#), click the button for "Request for Services" and complete all the steps.

You can also contact the college's disability coordinator in the Advising/Counseling Center at 566-3271 or [disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@sanjuancollege.edu). More information is available on the website listed above.

### 2. **The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

Your personal information and grade are confidential. Aside from routine reporting to the college required for this course, I will not share such information with anyone unless I have your permission.

### 3. **Academic Honesty Rules**

San Juan College expects all students to adhere to the [Academic Honesty Rules](#) as posted online. These are the official guidelines for all classes at San Juan College (July 2006).

#### **4. Student Conduct Statement**

College is preparation for professional opportunities, and professional conduct is expected in courses, including online classes, as well as any written communications, and interactions with members of the college community. As part of our learning community, students are expected to interact and communicate in a mature, respectful, thoughtful, and supportive manner. Students who demonstrate disrespectful, hostile, belittling, bullying or other disruptive behavior will be subject to potential consequences and possible dismissal from the college. The college will take appropriate action when students demonstrate threatening behavior (to others or self). Students should refer to the Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook for additional information.

#### **5. Student Safety**

Keeping students safe is a priority, and part of that is ensuring that we have the ability to communicate emergency messages – whether for school closures due to weather or for more or urgent situations. Rave is San Juan College’s emergency messaging system. Through your SJC student email, you will automatically receive email messages, however, it is also vital that you receive text messages. In order to receive the messages, you must register in a simple process with [Rave](#). When registering, please make sure that your mobile status is “confirmed.”

The Department of Public Safety is available 24 hours per day. In an emergency, they can be accessed by calling 215-3091 or 566-3333.

In the event of an emergency, a Rave message will be sent, and depending on the situation, you will be instructed to do one of the following:

- Evacuate the building
- Shelter in place (Campus doors are locked, and operations continue as normal. During this situation, no one other than law enforcement is allowed in or out of the campus.)
- Lockdown (Campus doors are locked. All operations cease, and you should take cover in your immediate area. No one other than law enforcement is allowed in or out of the campus.)

#### **6. Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment, and Retaliation.**

San Juan College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, age, genetic, veteran’s status, or on the basis of any other category protected under federal, state and local laws. If you have experienced sexual harassment, sexual assault, or any other form of protected class discrimination, we encourage you to make a report. If you report to a faculty member, she/he/they are obligated by policy to share knowledge, notice, and/or reports of harassment, discrimination, and/or retaliation with the Title IX Coordinator. These disclosures include but are not limited to reports of sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and stalking. You

may also make a confidential report to a SJC Counselor. Please refer to San Juan College's [Title IX](#) site for further details.

San Juan College's Title IX Coordinator is Stacey Allen, Assistant Director of Human Resources/Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer. The office is located at the Educational Services Center Building, 2nd Floor, Human Resources, Room 4243 at (505) 566-3515 or [allens@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:allens@sanjuancollege.edu).

## **7. Drop for Non-Attendance and/or Non-Participation**

### **Class Attendance and Participation Expectation:**

Face-to-Face -- Students are expected to attend and participate in class regularly. Any student missing more than 10% of consecutive class time, (For example, in a regular 15-week class that meets twice a week, this equates to the student missing 3 consecutive classes) without consultation with the instructor may be considered as having abandoned the course.

On-line -- Students are expected to participate regularly and submit all course assignments, based on the course guide definition. A student who does not submit any assignments during a consecutive 10% of the course (1.5 weeks of a 15-week semester) without consulting the instructor, may be considered as having abandoned the course. Logging in does not meet the attendance standard.

Competency-Based Education Classes -- Students are expected to have regular and substantive interactions with their instructor and to actively work on course content. A student who has not submitted coursework, nor had substantive interactions with the instructor over a consecutive 10% of the term, without the instructor's prior approval, will be considered to have abandoned the competency progression. Last date of attendance will be recorded as the last date that coursework was submitted or that the student met with the instructor. For on-line learners, logging in does not meet the attendance standard.

## **8. Failure to Meet Class Participation Expectation:**

Students who fail to meet participation expectations will have their last date of attendance recorded. This date will be used to recalculate any financial aid received/veteran's benefits received, and the student may be required to repay the institution/government. If the student does not drop the course, an 'X' grade will be recorded. An 'X' grade impacts the grade point average the same as an 'F'.



## 9. Grading Policies

### **Incomplete: Incomplete Grade Assignment** ([Incomplete Grades Information](#))

The grade of I (Incomplete) is given for passing work that could not be completed during the semester because of circumstances beyond the student's control. Ordinarily, the assignment of an I is given by the course instructor at the time final grades are due

In no case is an I grade to be used to avoid assignment of D or F grades for marginal or failing work or to require a student to enroll in the class the next semester because work was not completed on time. Circumstances warranting the issuance of an I grade must be beyond the student's control and must be documented on the appropriate form prior to approval.

I grades can be removed only during the subsequent 16 weeks from the end of term, or within the time limit set by the instructor. Removal of an I is accomplished by completing the work in a manner acceptable to the instructor. Re-enrollment in the course under the repeat option does not remove the prior grade of I. Students should not re-enroll for the course. An I not made up within 16 weeks or within the time limit set by the instructor will change to an F grade thereafter and cannot be changed by work completion.

## 10. Grade Appeals

The policy for grade appeals is in the Academic Catalog. ([Grade Appeal Policy](#))

## Student Handbook

The Student Handbook provides information on Student support, student organizations, and San Juan College policies.

[Student Handbook](#)

## Program Handbook

The SJC VTDLP Student handbook for students will be posted in the "Begin Your Course Here" module the semester you are enrolled in the VETT 235 course.