



AGRI13004 *Livestock Industry Placement*

Term 2 - 2021

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General Information

Overview

In this unit you will either complete a work placement relevant to livestock production systems or undertake a short research project. You will have the opportunity to apply the theoretical knowledge and practical skills attained during your degree in a professional work or research environment. You will complete a minimum of 160 hours, equivalent to 4 weeks, and a maximum of 300 hours. You are required to find your own placement or project and details of the placement or project must be provided to the coordinator prior to commencing the placement or project.

Details

Career Level: *Undergraduate*

Unit Level: *Level 3*

Credit Points: *12*

Student Contribution Band: *7*

Fraction of Full-Time Student Load: *0.25*

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prerequisite Students to complete 48 credit points prior to enrolment.

Important note: Students enrolled in a subsequent unit who failed their pre-requisite unit, should drop the subsequent unit before the census date or within 10 working days of Fail grade notification. Students who do not drop the unit in this timeframe cannot later drop the unit without academic and financial liability. See details in the [Assessment Policy and Procedure \(Higher Education Coursework\)](#).

Offerings For Term 2 - 2021

- Bundaberg
- Emerald
- Rockhampton

Attendance Requirements

All on-campus students are expected to attend scheduled classes – in some units, these classes are identified as a mandatory (pass/fail) component and attendance is compulsory. International students, on a student visa, must maintain a full time study load and meet both attendance and academic progress requirements in each study period (satisfactory attendance for International students is defined as maintaining at least an 80% attendance record).

Website

[This unit has a website, within the Moodle system, which is available two weeks before the start of term. It is important that you visit your Moodle site throughout the term. Please visit Moodle for more information.](#)

Class and Assessment Overview

Recommended Student Time Commitment

Each 12-credit Undergraduate unit at CQUniversity requires an overall time commitment of an average of 25 hours of study per week, making a total of 300 hours for the unit.

Class Timetable

[Regional Campuses](#)

Bundaberg, Cairns, Emerald, Gladstone, Mackay, Rockhampton, Townsville

[Metropolitan Campuses](#)

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney

Assessment Overview

1. **Written Assessment**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

2. **Learning logs / diaries / Journal / log books**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

3. **Report**

Weighting: Pass/Fail

Assessment Grading

This is a pass/fail (non-graded) unit. To pass the unit, you must pass all of the individual assessment tasks shown in the table above.

CQUniversity Policies

All University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

You may wish to view these policies:

- Grades and Results Policy
- Assessment Policy and Procedure (Higher Education Coursework)
- Review of Grade Procedure
- Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – Domestic Students
- Monitoring Academic Progress (MAP) Policy and Procedure – International Students
- Student Refund and Credit Balance Policy and Procedure
- Student Feedback – Compliments and Complaints Policy and Procedure
- Information and Communications Technology Acceptable Use Policy and Procedure

This list is not an exhaustive list of all University policies. The full list of University policies are available on the [CQUniversity Policy site](#).

Previous Student Feedback

Feedback, Recommendations and Responses

Every unit is reviewed for enhancement each year. At the most recent review, the following staff and student feedback items were identified and recommendations were made.

Feedback from Moodle - Have Your Say

Feedback

Enjoyed undertaking practical activities

Recommendation

In the next offering of the unit students will continue to be encouraged and supported to get placement/research opportunities where they can be involved in a variety of relevant activities.

Feedback from Moodle - Have Your Say

Feedback

Assessments were the best aspects of the unit.

Recommendation

Non-graded (pass/fail) assessments will continue to be used in this unit in the future.

Unit Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

1. Evaluate livestock production systems using knowledge of research methods
2. Plan an effective work placement or research project oriented activity
3. Behave ethically as a livestock management consultant
4. Communicate effectively to a professional or industry audience
5. Critically analyse and interpret data, arguments and conclusions presented in a report.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Graduate Attributes



Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Learning Outcomes

Assessment Tasks	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Written Assessment - 0%	•	•	•	•	•
2 - Learning logs / diaries / Journal / log books - 0%		•	•		
3 - Report - 0%	•			•	•

Alignment of Graduate Attributes to Learning Outcomes

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5

Graduate Attributes	Learning Outcomes				
	1	2	3	4	5
1 - Communication	•		•	•	•
2 - Problem Solving	•				•
3 - Critical Thinking	•	•		•	•
4 - Information Literacy	•	•			•
5 - Team Work		•			
6 - Information Technology Competence				•	
7 - Cross Cultural Competence			•	•	
8 - Ethical practice	•	•	•	•	•
9 - Social Innovation		•			
10 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures					

Alignment of Assessment Tasks to Graduate Attributes

Assessment Tasks	Graduate Attributes									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1 - Written Assessment - 0%	•	•	•	•	•					
2 - Learning logs / diaries / Journal / log books - 0%	•				•	•		•		
3 - Report - 0%	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	

Textbooks and Resources

Textbooks

There are no required textbooks.

Additional Textbook Information

NO

IT Resources

You will need access to the following IT resources:

- CQUniversity Student Email
- Internet
- Unit Website (Moodle)

Referencing Style

All submissions for this unit must use the referencing style: [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)
For further information, see the Assessment Tasks.

Teaching Contacts

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Schedule

Week 1 - 12 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Start of Work Placement or Research Project		Email the unit coordinator with the following information: Your CV and details of your work placement or research project e.g. host organisation and placement/research project supervisor's contact information. If you have not organised your work placement or research project yet, contact the unit coordinator.

Week 2 - 19 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		If you have not organised your work placement or research project yet, contact the unit coordinator.

Week 3 - 26 Jul 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		

Week 4 - 02 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		Placement Program or Research Proposal Due: Week 4 Friday (6 Aug 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Week 5 - 09 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		

Vacation Week - 16 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		

Week 6 - 23 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		

Week 7 - 30 Aug 2021

Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		

Week 8 - 06 Sep 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		
Week 9 - 13 Sep 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		
Week 10 - 20 Sep 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		
Week 11 - 27 Sep 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Work Placement or Research Project		
Week 12 - 04 Oct 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Completion of Work Placement or Research Project		Placement or Research Project Daily Diary Due: Week 12 Friday (8 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST Placement or Research Report Due: Week 12 Friday (8 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST
Review/Exam Week - 11 Oct 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic
Exam Week - 18 Oct 2021		
Module/Topic	Chapter	Events and Submissions/Topic

Assessment Tasks

1 Placement Program or Research Proposal

Assessment Type

Written Assessment

Task Description

Depending on whether you are undertaking a work placement or a research project, you will need to complete one of the following:

- 1A. Placement Program.** You will work collaboratively with the host organisation (site/placement supervisor) to design a work placement program prior to commencement of placement. This program will specify the number of hours to be spent on various activities or sections/departments of the host organisation, as well as the theoretical and practical skills to be applied and/or gained. The program should be beneficial to the host organisation and not significantly disrupt their work schedules. At the same time, you will ensure that it meets the academic requirements of the unit (refer to the unit learning outcomes contained in the unit profile).
- 1B. Research Proposal.** You will consult with your academic supervisor and prepare a research proposal prior to the commencement of the research project. The proposal will include the project title, brief background, aims and objectives, proposed methods and expected results.

Note: Your work placement or research project must be related to livestock.

Assessment Due Date

Week 4 Friday (6 Aug 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Vacation Week Friday (20 Aug 2021)

Assessments will be returned within 10 working days after the due date.

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

This is a non-graded unit (PASS/FAIL). In order to PASS this assessment, you will need to meet the following criteria:

Placement Program

- Work placement is related to livestock.
- Some background information about the placement site/host organisation - e.g. name, location and type of enterprise. (*This can be provided in the Introduction section of the placement program*).
- Details of the activities to be undertaken.
- Theoretical and practical skills to be applied and gained.
- Number of words: 500 -1000

Research Proposal

- Research proposal is related to livestock
- Aims and objectives specified.
- Some background information about the host organisation - e.g. name, location and type of enterprise.
- Clear description of the research project, methodology and expected results.
- Significance of the research project.
- Number of words: 500 -1000

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Evaluate livestock production systems using knowledge of research methods
- Plan an effective work placement or research project oriented activity
- Behave ethically as a livestock management consultant
- Communicate effectively to a professional or industry audience
- Critically analyse and interpret data, arguments and conclusions presented in a report.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work

2 Placement or Research Project Daily Diary

Assessment Type

Learning logs / diaries / Journal / log books

Task Description

You are required to briefly document your activities and responsibilities related to your Work Placement or Research Project on a daily basis.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (8 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within 10 working days from the due date.

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

This is a non-graded unit (PASS/FAIL). In order to PASS this assessment, your diary needs meet the following criteria:

- Clear (but brief) record of the daily activities and responsibilities in your work placement or research project.
- The activities/responsibilities must be related to livestock.

Note: Each daily record should be written in about 100 words.

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Plan an effective work placement or research project oriented activity
- Behave ethically as a livestock management consultant

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Team Work
- Information Technology Competence
- Ethical practice

3 Placement or Research Report

Assessment Type

Report

Task Description

You will write a report of a minimum of 2500 words as follows:

- **3A. Placement Report.** If you have undertaken a work placement, you will write a report detailing the nature of the work placement and provide a detailed description of the key activities undertaken. You will also (i) describe the knowledge gained and the skills learned during the placement; (ii) reflect on how the knowledge and skills gained relate to your course of study (Bachelor of Agriculture) and how they may be useful in your future career; and (iii) evaluate your level of knowledge and skills prior to and after work placement.
- **3B. Research Report.** If you have undertaken a research project, you will write a report about the research in a standard scientific report format. As a guideline, your research report may be structured as follows: Title, Executive Summary, Table of Contents, Introduction, Methodology, Results, Discussion, Conclusions, List of References and Appendix.

Supervisor's Report

The workplace or research supervisor is required to complete a short feedback form that includes an assessment of your progress and work ethic during the work placement or research project. This report must be included in the placement or research report as an appendix. If the supervisor requires confidentiality, the report may be forwarded to the unit coordinator. The Supervisor's Report template will be made available in Moodle.

Note: It is your responsibility to provide your placement or research supervisor with the Supervisor's Report Template.

Assessment Due Date

Week 12 Friday (8 Oct 2021) 11:45 pm AEST

Return Date to Students

Assessments will be returned within 10 working days of the due date.

Weighting

Pass/Fail

Assessment Criteria

This is a non-graded unit (PASS/FAIL). In order to PASS this assessment, your placement or research report needs to meet the following criteria:

Placement Report

- Clear description of the activities undertaken during placement.
- Identify the knowledge gained and skills learned during work placement.
- Link the knowledge and skills acquired to your course and demonstrate how they may be useful in your future career.
- Comment on your knowledge and skills prior to and after work placement.
- Supervisor's report attached as an appendix (if provided to you by the supervisor).
- Minimum number of words - 2500

Research Report

- Research purpose and objectives clearly identified.
- Clear description of the activities undertaken in the research project.
- Clear presentation and discussion of results.
- Conclusions and/or recommendations which are supported by the report.
- Supervisor's report attached as an appendix (if provided to you by the supervisor).
- Minimum number of words - 2500

Referencing Style

- [Harvard \(author-date\)](#)

Submission

Online

Learning Outcomes Assessed

- Evaluate livestock production systems using knowledge of research methods
- Communicate effectively to a professional or industry audience
- Critically analyse and interpret data, arguments and conclusions presented in a report.

Graduate Attributes

- Communication
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking
- Information Literacy
- Team Work
- Ethical practice
- Social Innovation

Academic Integrity Statement

As a CQUniversity student you are expected to act honestly in all aspects of your academic work.

Any assessable work undertaken or submitted for review or assessment must be your own work. Assessable work is any type of work you do to meet the assessment requirements in the unit, including draft work submitted for review and feedback and final work to be assessed.

When you use the ideas, words or data of others in your assessment, you must thoroughly and clearly acknowledge the source of this information by using the correct referencing style for your unit. Using others' work without proper acknowledgement may be considered a form of intellectual dishonesty.

Participating honestly, respectfully, responsibly, and fairly in your university study ensures the CQUniversity qualification you earn will be valued as a true indication of your individual academic achievement and will continue to receive the respect and recognition it deserves.

As a student, you are responsible for reading and following CQUniversity's policies, including the [Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure](#). This policy sets out CQUniversity's expectations of you to act with integrity, examples of academic integrity breaches to avoid, the processes used to address alleged breaches of academic integrity, and potential penalties.

What is a breach of academic integrity?

A breach of academic integrity includes but is not limited to plagiarism, self-plagiarism, collusion, cheating, contract cheating, and academic misconduct. The Student Academic Integrity Policy and Procedure defines what these terms mean and gives examples.

Why is academic integrity important?

A breach of academic integrity may result in one or more penalties, including suspension or even expulsion from the University. It can also have negative implications for student visas and future enrolment at CQUniversity or elsewhere. Students who engage in contract cheating also risk being blackmailed by contract cheating services.

Where can I get assistance?

For academic advice and guidance, the [Academic Learning Centre \(ALC\)](#) can support you in becoming confident in completing assessments with integrity and of high standard.

What can you do to act with integrity?



Be Honest

If your assessment task is done by someone else, it would be dishonest of you to claim it as your own



Seek Help

If you are not sure about how to cite or reference in essays, reports etc, then seek help from your lecturer, the library or the Academic Learning Centre (ALC)



Produce Original Work

Originality comes from your ability to read widely, think critically, and apply your gained knowledge to address a question or problem