



EQSC 297 BEGINNING HORSEMANSHIP SYLLABUS SUMMER I 2015

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COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TIME AND PLACE

Time: TWR 9:00- 11:00pm

Location: Equine Center

MATERIAL

Textbook(s) : none required, handouts provided

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Three semester hours. Introduces the basics of horseback riding and horsemanship. Emphasis will be on learning how to care for a horse, tack a horse (English and Western), and basic riding skills. Students will learn how to walk, trot, canter, and jump/ manoeuver small obstacles.

Prerequisites: none

Rationale of the course: The course content enhances students' ability to handle and ride horses. Ideal for students with no or little previous horse experience, students who have not ridden horses for a while, or students seeking to build their confidence handling and riding horses.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Upon completion of this course, students shall be able to demonstrate knowledge of:
 - a. Handling horses and basic horse care
 - b. Safety standards when around horses
 - c. Appropriate behavior when around horses, especially in a group setting
 - d. Performing specific tasks on the ground and under saddle (walk, trot, canter, obstacles)
 - e. Basic saddling and bridling techniques, English and Western
 - f. Equine health assessment for riding purposes

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS / ACTIVITIES ASSESSMENTS

Student Learning Outcome #1: The student will synthesize knowledge from class discussion, practical learning and supplementary materials.

Assessment Method:

Three exams

Question type: Multiple choice, matching, short-answer, true/ false (50%)

Practical part (50%)

Student Learning Outcome #1b: The student will pass a safety assessment on the first day of class.

Assessment Method:

Safety test after demonstration and class discussion on day 1

Question type: Short answer, multiple choice

100% pass required

There is no minimum skill requirement for beginning horsemanship students. All students should be able to mount and dismount horses by themselves, and have the physical ability to ride for a time period of at least 60 minutes.

Students involved in horsemanship classes will be required to follow all TAMUC rules. These rules are set for the safety of every student and must be followed carefully and stringently. Failure to abide by the rules will result in the student being dismissed from the class. The rules are for the safety of the students, other classmates, staff as well as the horses. Requirements for riding: All students are required to have the following items before they may participate in the riding portion of the horsemanship class (handouts provided on the first day of class):

TAMUC Liability Waiver Forms

TAMUC Equine Center Rules Agreement Form

Proof of Insurance filed with TAMUC, preferred medical services provider

Safety Test passed with 100% (will be kept on file)

Attire: Proper attire is mandatory. Exposed shoulders and shorts are not permitted.

Approved equestrian safety helmet

Jeans/ breeches/ khakis in proper condition (no tears, holes)

Boots (leather, at least up to ankle) with a 1-inch heel

Shirt (button up shirt, or T-Shirt)

Not abiding by these rules will result in sending the student back home and a count for non-attendance for that day. Riders will wear helmets at all times when mounted. Sunscreen protection is strongly encouraged. Students should bring a beverage for rehydration.

GRADING

	Time period	Points	Percent
Exam 1	week 2	50	25
Exam 2	week 4	50	25
Final exam	Week 5	100	50
Total		200	100

The final, and undisputable grading scheme adheres to the following table:

200-180 (points)	A
179-160	B
159-140	C
139-120	D
119- 0	F

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

COURSE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

Attendance is taken each session. Students who miss more than three classes will fail the course. Due to the short duration of the summer class, no make-up exams will be scheduled. In an emergency please contact the course instructor before or on exam day. Only official university-sanctioned excuses are accepted. Documentation for emergency is required.

UNIVERSITY SPECIFIC PROCEDURES

ADA STATEMENT

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this

legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Gee Library- Room 132

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

STUDENT CONDUCT

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *Code of Student Conduct from Student Guide Handbook*).

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week tentative topic

- 1 Intro, safety, handling, tack, groundwork I, walk
- 2 Groundwork II, training principles I, walk and trot, exam 1
- 3 Training principles II applied to groundwork and riding, walk and trot
- 4 Walk, trot, canter, obstacle course, precision, exam 2
- 5 Trail, obstacles, Final exam