



Equine Industry Tour EQSC 355
Summer I 2025
Various Dates from June 2 – July 3, 2025
Location: Equine Lab

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Communication Response Time: 1-2 days or within 48 hours M-F – **I WILL NOT
REPLY TO YOUR EMAIL ON THE WEEKEND.**

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description

This course is offered to enhance a student's awareness of the opportunities in the equine industry. We will visit several locations throughout the allotted time frame to see businesses, and entities that are a vital part of the equine industry. The student will have specific reports for each location visited.

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.

Pre-requisites: EQSC 240 or consent of the instructor

Co-requisites: N/A

Materials needed- Instructor will provide all materials needed on a weekly basis. The D2L Web-based instructional program used by TAMUC will be where students submit all assignments and reports.

You will need to purchase a notebook/notepad to use when taking notes. This could be a composition notebook or something similar. You will need to dress appropriately and professionally when we attend the various businesses. Your attitude and demeanor should reflect respect for yourself, your college, and the Equine Studies program.

Textbook: I will provide you with various materials in an electronic format.

Optional Texts and/or Materials: You will need to have access to a good internet connection and be able to utilize the D2L LMS.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course students should have an understanding of these concepts;

- a. The equine industry and how diverse it really is.
- b. The networking opportunities required to find employment in the equine industry.
- c. The student should have a list of contacts to use when seeking internships and future employment.
- d. The student should have a greater appreciation for how many aspects and agribusinesses feed into the equine industry.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Skills Needed

The student in this course should have a passion for the equine industry and a desire to learn more about it. You will be exposed to several equine disciplines and agribusinesses that contribute to the equine industry.

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Instructional Methods

We will spend our first lecture discussing the individual places we will visit and getting our time planned out for each visit. A short discussion of expectations and “do’s and don’t’s” will take place on the first meeting date. Following this and on each subsequent meeting date, we will meet at the TAMUC Equine Center and leave for the location scheduled for that date.

Course material and instructional methods will include, but may not be limited to; lecture presentation, Powerpoint, video, and live evaluation. Labs will be at the Equine Center and we will then travel to shows and horse farms in the North Texas and Southern Oklahoma horse country.

Appropriate Clothing:

1. **For sessions on campus and at horse farms/shows you will be expected to wear professional, business casual dress that is appropriate for the equine industry. You will be expected to wear boots that are western, but professional looking and clean. Shirts and pants will need to be pressed/starched and clean. No ball caps will be allowed, but you may wish to wear a properly shaped and clean western hat.**

Thank you for signing up and let’s have fun!

Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course

The student should understand that attendance is mandatory for a passing grade. The student will be expected to attend and participate in all locations on each meeting date. Some dates may include short trips to one or more locations. Some dates we will leave early and return late, so students must plan ahead and be on time or they will get left out. A student will not be allowed to make up a missed date. **The student is allowed to miss one visit/assignment, without it affecting their grade negatively.** Each date will be discussed in advance and plans made for leave and return times will be estimated. All students will be riding in a TAMUC vehicle. No students will be allowed to drive a personal vehicle to the location. In certain cases, we may pick up or drop off students at a location, as long as, it is on the way to the location scheduled for that date. Each student is responsible for their own meals and we will stop for lunch if the visits take up the length of the day. Students may wish to bring snacks and plan accordingly to avoid getting hungry/thirsty during the visits.

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Minimal Technical Skills Needed

The following information has been provided to assist you in preparing to use technology in this course. Texas A&M University-Commerce uses the D2L Online Learning Management System for online course access. **Although this course is a face-to-face course, we will use an online gradebook that can be accessed in D2L and you will need to complete weekly discussions in D2L.**

The following technology is recommended to be successful in this online course.

Internet connection – high speed recommended (not dial-up)

Word Processor

Power Point

Additionally, the following hardware and software are necessary to use myleoonline:

Chrome and Firefox are the recommended browsers

GRADING POLICY

Grades will be determined by the following:

Reports for each location visited = **100 X 10 = 1000 points**

Final Report = **200 points**

Total Points for the Course = 1200 points

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Course Policies

Attendance/Lateness = A student should understand that attendance is mandatory for a passing grade. The student will be expected to attend and participate in all lecture and labs. The student is allowed to miss **one** visit/assignment, without it affecting their grade negatively.

Late Work = No late work is allowed without loss of points.

Missed reports and assessments = A weekly assignment is worth 100 points.

If the **due date** is missed, it will be accepted with 10 points counted off each day the assignment is late. It will not be accepted after the due date for the following week's assignment.

Quizzes = No quizzes will be given.

Extra Credit = Will not be given.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as cancellation of a farm visit, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance as soon as possible.

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Academic Honesty Policy

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See *current 'Code of Student Conduct' from online Student Guide Handbook*) Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate **plagiarism** and other forms of academic **dishonesty**. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. "Academic dishonesty" includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material. <http://www.plagiarism.org/>

Drop a Course

"A student may drop a course by logging into their myLEO account and clicking on the hyperlink labeled 'Drop a class' from among the choices found under the myLEO section of the Web page."

Instructor Policies

The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus, points allotted, or other information as needed throughout the semester.

University Policies

Student Conduct

All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf).
<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)
<http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html>

TAMUC Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx) webpage and [Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx).
<http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

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Academic Integrity

Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

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 132

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

Fax (903) 468-8148

StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu [Student Disability Resources & Services](#)

Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce buildings only by persons who

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have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&MCommerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903886-5868 or 9-1-1.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Orientation and Introduction to the Course – Equine Center Classroom

June 2nd - 8:00 – 9:30 am

Highpoint Performance Horses – Pilot Point, TX

June 3rd – 7:30 am (meet at Equine Center) arrive by 9:30 am

KB Ranch – Aubrey, TX

June 3rd – 1:30 afternoon

Voge Quarter Horses – Whitesboro, TX

June 10th – 8:00 am (meet at Equine Center) arrive by 10:00 am

K&D Equestrian – Gainesville, TX

June 10th 1:30 afternoon

WES Arena – Blue Ridge, TX

June 12th – 8:00 am (meet at Equine Center) arrive by 9:30 am

Texas Equine Education and Horsemanship

June 12th 1:30 afternoon

A & S Performance Horses

June 17th – 7:30 am (meet at Equine Center) arrive by 10:00 am

APHA and APHA World Show – Ft. Worth, TX

June 24th – 7:30 am (meet at Equine Center) arrive by 10:00 am

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Equine Express – Pilot Point, TX

June 26th - 7:30 am (meet at Equine Center) arrive by 9:30 am

Stable Strides – Pilot Point, TX

June 26th – Afternoon – 1:30 pm

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