

# ANS 4605 Course Syllabus Fall 2023

## University of Florida Department of Animal Sciences

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### Textbook:

UF Judging Manual. 2023 AQHA Rulebook. Additional materials will be provided on Canvas.

### Course Website on Canvas:

Canvas will contain *notes, assignments, your grades, articles and useful links, and announcements.*

### Time & Location:

ANS 4605 will meet every **Tuesday and Thursday from 5:10 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the Animal Science Building, **room 155 or the HTU classroom**. Students are expected to come to class and be on time.

### Course Description:

This course teaches detailed evaluation of conformation and athletic performance of horses culminating with participation in national intercollegiate horse judging competitions.

### Course Objectives:

Successful completion of this course implies the student will be able to do the following: 1) write and deliver oral sets of reasons; 2) score in the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile in placing classes by the end of the semester; 3) make decisions quickly and confidently; 4) comfortably speak in front of a group; 5) gain the skills to successfully compete at the intercollegiate level. This course will focus on preparing students to correctly evaluate a horse in several disciplines. By the end of the semester, the student should be able to effectively evaluate and truthfully defend their particular opinion of a horse in each discipline.

### Class Policies:

Being a member of a judging team will be one of the most valuable experiences of your college career, guaranteed. Instructors at this university and many others consider students who compete on judging teams to be the “elite” of their programs and therefore you will be expected to act accordingly. No hats and appropriate dress will be worn in class and when traveling. **You are expected to practice OUTSIDE of class!! I am always available to take extra sets of reasons in my office or watch more videos outside of class if you desire to improve or practice!**

### Traveling:

The top five in the class will compete on the first team, followed by the next top five for the second team. The five that prove to continually give the most effort, put in the most practice, and deliver the most accuracy will be team number one. Other students will compete either on the second team or as individuals. Hard work is expected from each student as entry fees, fuel and lodging are paid for by the University. It is expected that each student that travels participate in helping outside judging events such as the Youth Horse Judging School.

### Competition:

Each student’s ability to compete on a team will be based on the following criteria, all to be weighted evenly.  
★Effort★Attendance★Timeliness★Attitude★Placing scores★Reasons scores★Teamwork

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## Quarter Horse Congress, Columbus, Ohio

Depart Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Contest Wednesday, October 11. Return Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. We will participate in the Limited division. Excuse letter for missed classes will be provided. Exams for other classes can be taken during the trip with prior approval from instructors.

## Youth Horse Judging School

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> – team members serve as instructors for FFA and 4H youth in attendance

## Attendance and Make-Up Work

Absence from mandatory class meetings or workouts without instructor approval will result in not being able to travel to competitions. Each three unexcused/non-justified absences will result in one letter grade drop. Special circumstances need to be addressed with the instructor and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments and other work are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>.

## Grades and Grade Points

Placings and reasons scores will be recorded throughout the semester. The coach will assign a “participation” grade based on your placing scores, reasons scores and attendance. Attendance is required and will be recorded through class placing cards. Regular attendance will determine your success. Your effort and success through the semester will determine your place on a competing team.

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/grades-grading-policies/>.

## Grading Scale:

A = 93 – 100 %

A- = 90 – 92%

B+ = 87 – 89 %

B = 83% - 86%

B- = 80% - 82%

C+ = 77 – 79 %

C = 73% - 76%

C- = 70% - 72%

D = 60 – 69 %

E = less than 60%

## Online Course Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at: <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/> . Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluera.com/ufl/> . Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at: <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/> .

## Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: “*We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.*” You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “*On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.*”

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to

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the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code> .

### Software Use:

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

### Services for Students with Disabilities

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation  
0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, <https://disability.ufl.edu/>

### Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance.

- University Counseling & Wellness Center, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575, [www.counseling.ufl.edu](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu)

- Counseling Services

- Groups and Workshops

- Outreach and Consultation

- Self-Help Library

- Wellness Coaching

- U Matter We Care, [www.umatter.ufl.edu/](http://www.umatter.ufl.edu/)

- Career Connections Center, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, <https://career.ufl.edu/> .

- Student Success Initiative, <http://studentsuccess.ufl.edu> .

Student Complaints:

- Residential Course: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-studentconduct-code/> .