

TECHNIQUES IN EQUINE SCIENCE

ANS 3239L FALL, 2019

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

ANS3239L is designed to teach the knowledge, horseback, and management skills required for proper daily horse care and conditioning. Designed for those seeking employment requiring basic horse care skills and for novice horse owners. Students will participate in a series of laboratory activities to increase their knowledge of equine behavior and horsemanship. The final third of the semester will involve practical equitation.

Working with Livestock is inherently risky. Many of these animals are capable of injuring people, especially when they are in flight or fight mode inspired by a stressful situation. Instructors will work to provide students with the ability to manage horses with minimal stress, thus lowering the risk of injury to people and animals.

The riding portion of this course is physically demanding and requires that students be able to mount horses unaided and maintain balance while riding.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Upon completion of this course, students will have a better understanding of basic daily management techniques.
- Students will have an increased awareness of safe horse handling practices.
- This course will teach horse tack and equipment selection and care.
- Students will develop the base skills needed to tack, mount and ride a horse.

COURSE WEBSITE ON CANVAS

The canvas website will contain the syllabus and resources, such as hand-outs and assignments. Email communications will be sent via the course website and listserv.

COURSE FORMAT

- All classes meet at the UF Horse Teaching Unit, 1934 SW 63rd Ave, (click for directions)
- 2 credits: two labs per week
- Tuesday and Thursday: 6th -7th period (12:50-2:45) –OR– 8th- 9th period (3:00-4:55)
- Students will receive credit for attendance and active participation in the class. There will be 3 quizzes and then a practicum at the end of the course. The practicum will include only non-riding skills.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

This course requires a large time commitment in order to increase your competency with horses. If you are unable to make this commitment, do not take this course.

Regular attendance is expected and active participation is necessary for success. If you know you will be absent, please contact your instructor at least 24 hours before the class to be missed. For classes missed due to unforeseen emergency, you will need to provide written documentation to support your absence.

MAKE-UP WORK

The opportunity to make-up missed work will not be offered without a valid excuse. This applies to all attendance credit, quizzes, and assignments. Class attendance and make-up work policies are consistent with UF policies found at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

LATE WORK

Without a valid absence, assignments turned in late will receive the following penalty:

- Up to 24 hrs late -20%
- 24-28 hrs late -40%
- >48 hrs late will not be accepted

GRADING

Attendance, participation and progress, includes a 10 pt practicum. 50 pts.

- Progress & skills will be monitored daily.

Three 10-point quizzes will be given. 30 pts.

- Each quiz will cover material presented in previous classes or from hand-outs.

Two 10-point reports on articles or videos regarding some aspect of Horsemanship. 20 pts.

A = 90-100%	C = 70-74.9%	100 pts.
B + = 85-89.9%	D + = 65-69.9%	
B = 80-84.9%	D = 60-64.9%	
C + = 75-79.9%	E = <60%	

GRADES AND GRADE POINTS

Information regarding University Policy on grade point equivalencies and calculation of grade points is located at the following web address:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

ACADEMIC HONESTY

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, "We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students 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." The Honor Code (<http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions.

Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

SCHEDULE*

		Topic	Instructor/Guest
T	8/20	Basic behavior, catching, haltering, safety around the horse.	<i>Carden, DeVito</i>
R	8/22	Leading, tying (learn knots), basic grooming.	<i>Carden, DeVito</i>
T	8/27	Equine Identification; gaits	<i>DeVito</i>
R	8/29	Identification & parts of tack, Saddle fitting, cleaning, storage of tack.	<i>DeVito</i>
T	9/3	Horse judging and evaluation	<i>Carden</i>
R	9/5	Aging by teeth	<i>Mr. Rodney Rowles</i>
T	9/10	Horse health <u>Quiz</u>	<i>Dr. Natalie Lamneck</i>
R	9/12	Hoof trimming and evaluation of a proper shoeing job.	<i>Mr. Bruce Martin</i>
T	9/17	Nutrition, Feeding, and Feedstuffs	<i>DeVito, Bissinger</i>
R	9/19	Trailer hitching, loading, hauling and driving.	<i>Carden</i>
T	9/24	Daily horse care management: weight, first aid, stall cleaning, etc.	<i>Carden</i>
R	9/26	Restraint & handling techniques for vet, farrier visits, clipping etc. Trailer safety.	<i>McQuagge, Carden</i>
T	10/1	Recognition/demonstration of various styles of riding: Hunter, Western, Dressage. <u>Quiz</u>	<i>Carden, ..., ..., Jill Bobel</i>
R	10/3	Proper tacking up procedure.	<i>Team</i>
T	10/8	Longeing of a horse, use of line and lunge whip.	<i>Team</i>
R	10/10	Longeing of the horse and the lunge ring.	<i>Team</i>
T	10/15	Proper mounting and dismounting; Rider on the lunge.	<i>Team</i>
R	10/17	Rider on the longe.	<i>Team</i>
T	10/22	Rider on the longe.	<i>Team</i>
R	10/24	Rider on the longe.	<i>Team</i>
T	10/29	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides <u>Quiz</u>	<i>Section instructor</i>
R	10/31	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
T	11/5	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
R	11/7	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
T	11/12	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
R	11/14	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
T	11/19	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
R	11/21	Arena – Improving seat, hands, use of aides	<i>Section instructor</i>
T	11/26	Horseback games or Farm/trail ride	<i>Team</i>
R	11/28	Thanksgiving Break - No Class	
T	12/3	Practicum; Pictures	<i>Team</i>

*Logistics may require us to switch dates of topics. Regardless of topic, quizzes will remain on planned dates.

CRITICAL DATES

Tests dates (quizzes and practicums) are bolded in the schedule above. Two reports will be assigned with their due dates announced at least a week ahead of time.

DIGITAL DEVICES (CELL PHONES, IPADS, LAPTOPS)

Cell phones must remain powered off and stored during class and when with horses unless specifically permitted for an activity or assignment. Unless students are taking notes on their laptops, laptops should be off during class. If students are found to be Facebooking or texting, they will be asked to turn off their device.

ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION

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/>."

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.

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 and 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.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

U Matter, We Care

If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu or 352 392-1575 so that a team member can reach out to the student.

Counseling and Wellness Center

<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/>, 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies. <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS) – Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

E-learning technical support

352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>

Career Connections Center

Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling. <http://www.crc.ufl.edu/>

Library Support

<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Student Complaints On-Campus:

<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honorcode-student-conduct-code/>

University Police Department

392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Students with disabilities requesting accommodations should first register with the Disability Resource Center (352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) by providing appropriate documentation. Once registered, students will receive an accommodation letter which must be presented to the instructor when requesting accommodation. Students with disabilities should follow this procedure as early as possible in the semester.