

Horse Grooming & Care
ANS 4231 Section 29H2
Location: Horse Teaching Unit
SPRING 2021

COVID 19 Experiential Lab Statement

We will have face-to-face instructional sessions to accomplish the student learning objectives of this course. In response to COVID-19, the following policies and requirements are in place to maintain your learning environment and to enhance the safety of our in-class interactions.

All students and instructors will be required to observe the conditions below to participate in the experiential learning activities for this course.

- You are required to wear an approved face covering at all times when at the Horse Teaching Unit.
- **You are required to complete UF Screen, Test, Protect Covid-19 testing every 2 weeks and be cleared for class in one.uf.edu.**
- Following and enforcing these policies and requirements is our responsibility. Failure to do so will lead to a report to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution.
- Sanitizing supplies such as **hand sanitizer and hand washing station are available in the T-Barn and outside in the reproduction barn.** Students are encouraged to wash hands when arriving and leaving.
- Follow your instructor's guidance on how to enter and exit the area. Practice physical distancing to the extent possible when coming and going.
- If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms ([Click here for guidance from the CDC on symptoms of coronavirus](#)), please use the UF Health screening system and follow the instructions on whether you are able to attend class. [Click here for UF Health guidance on what to do if you have been exposed to or are experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.](#)
- This is a hands-on course heavy on participation grading. If you cannot attend due to illness, you will be given an excused absence in line with university policies. [Find more information in the university attendance policies.](#)

The instructor reserves the right to end class, cancel daily lab activities, and/or move labs into an alternate format and grading scheme pending failure to adhere to the following requirements.

Required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- CDC recommended face covering that **covers both the mouth and nose.** You should not be able to see through it. (student provided)
- Temperatures check may be a required part of daily activities.

No face covering exemptions will be observed.

If you are or have experienced any of the following in the last 14 days...**STAY HOME**

- If you have or had a fever over 100.0°F.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
- Have been in contact with someone positive for Covid.
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Fatigue and/or headaches
- Have traveled on a cruise or internationally.

DO NOT ENTER A FACILITY IF YOU FEEL SICK.**What if I feel sick or get sick?**

- **DO NOT** attempt to come to an in-person practicum.
- Call your personal physician or the UF Health Care Center at 352-392-1161 to be evaluated for testing and to receive further instructions about returning to campus.
- You will need to work with Justin Callaham to determine the best and available options for course participation and provide appropriate medical notification.
- Obviously, flexibility will be important in these cases. We will do what is necessary to ensure your success and safety in these experiential activities if COVID impacts a student.

What if UF goes fully online?

- The practicum is a true experiential course requiring interaction with live animals. If we are required to go online, there will not be an equivalent option to that physical experience.
- The instructor is continuing to evaluate options for synchronous and asynchronous activities. These may include a 1X per week horse related topic.
- Students should evaluate how they would feel if this were to happen and how that would impact their learning goals and expectations if animal interaction was not possible.

Student Behavioral Expectations

The university has released a policy regarding student behavioral expectations in response to covid-19. Please view them at <https://policy.ufl.edu/policy/student-behavioral-expectations-in-response-to-covid-19/>

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Course Description

Grooming and care of horses is a significant part of horse ownership and the least considered when most people purchase their first horse. This course emphasizes the time commitment and effort required to own and care for the normal horse. Course content will include safety around horses, understanding general psychology and horsemanship, horse identification, basic nutrition, stabling, and grooming.

Considerations Prior to Enrolling

- Do I have apprehension about handling large animals? If so, schedule a time to meet with the instructor.
- Does my schedule permit me to commit to 2 periods Monday afternoon through Friday morning during the timeframes of 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM OR 4:00 – 5:00 PM?
- Do I have regular transportation to the **Horse Teaching Unit, 1934 SW 63rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608?**

Course Schedule and Attendance

- This course utilizes a flex schedule for weekly grooming and care requirements of assigned horses. *Students are required to attend twice per week to take care of an assigned horse(s).* A Doodle poll will be emailed out prior to the start of the fall semester so students can indicate available times. We ask that you provide us with as much availability as possible so that all students can be accommodated.
- To receive full credit for the day, students must be at the Horse Teaching Unit for a minimum of 1 hour. Once your horse care is complete, students are free to leave.
- There are 4 Saturday classes (Handling Safety & Stabling, Farrier Safety, Nutrition, & Final Exam)
- Class attendance is expected. Attendance grade is based on simple calculation of points earned divided by total available points. Excused absences are consistent with university policies and require appropriate documentation submitted using the Canvas web form (i.e. doctor's note, instructor letters concerning travel, etc.).

UF Handbook Link: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>

- This course utilizes an automated attendance tracking system. Each student will be issued a FOB at the beginning of the semester. It is the student's responsibility to check-in at the designated attendance reader each day to receive credit for the day's participation.
- Forgotten check-ins – if a student forgets to check-in at the reader, it is the student's sole responsibility to notify a TA or staff member to update the attendance record accordingly. Once a student leaves, no credit will be given for the day's activity.
- Students should expect 2 – 3 short projects or practical's during the semester.
- Students may request a letter verifying participation in the course and animal contact hours. The letter will consist of a brief explanation of the course's goals and requirements, number of days in attendance, the correlating animal contact hours received, and an instructor signature.
- Working with livestock is inherently risky. Many of these animals are capable of injuring people, especially when they are in the 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.

Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Practicum courses offer a hands-on approach to skills improvement that is founded on the science of horse production. These courses provide the opportunity to bridge the classroom with practical expectations when applied to living anatomy, physiology, psychology, genetics, and the limitations that are present in actual production models.

The general objectives of this course will provide a basic working foundation that:

- Instills basic-safe horse handling skills and horsemanship.
- Improves confidence in handling and basic care needs of horses such as catching, haltering, leading, bathing, handling feet, and loading horses onto a trailer.
- Provides an introductory look at basic feeding management, foot care, and general horse care.

At the end of this course, students will be expected to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

- Identify the purpose and proper haltering techniques of nylon/leather and rope halters.
- Safely catch, halter, and lead/handle the horse.
- Safely turn a horse loose back into the pasture.
- Demonstrate effective grooming and foot care techniques.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills when dealing with the troublesome horse.
- Demonstrate a basic understanding of horse colors and markings.
- Read a feed bag and demonstrate basic rules of thumb for feeding the adult horse.
- Demonstrate proper stable care needs of horses in a barn.

Semester Horse Care Requirements

- Attend twice per week to take care of 2 horses.
- Curry and brush body, brush mane and tail, rinse with light soap and fresh water.
- Inspect horses for wounds and skin problems.
- Pick out feet and apply hoof treatments.
- Apply topicals' and fly spray.
- Clean your horses' stalls.
- Feed, hay, and water your horses.

Monthly Meetings

*Meeting dates and times are subject to change.

Saturday, January 16th, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM (Safety & Orientation Meeting)

Saturday, February 13th, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, March 20th, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Saturday, April 10th, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Professional Development

Practicum courses are meant to help students professionally by reinforcing academic knowledge. This class is primarily a hands-on course, but students will need to learn and progress in a manner consistent with the standards of the equine industries. When handling animals and interacting with the general public, everyone needs to know how to speak and write correctly, intelligently, and confidently. 250 points of the course grade is based on how well each student can complete assigned tasks that includes horse and stall care as well as provide written/verbal answers at a level commensurate of a professional degree.

Grading

| Category | Total Points |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Weekly Attendance | 1,300 pts (50 pts/day) |
| Monthly Meetings | 400 pts (100 pts/each) |
| Practical's/Assignments/Quizzes | 100 pts each |
| Practical's/Assignments/Participation | 200 pts each |
| Final Exam – Practical Exam | 200 pts |

***Missing exams is very serious as there are NO MAKE-UP EXAMS. If you know in advance that you must be absent from an exam, please see me first. All cases do not lend themselves to prior notification, but in all cases, the absence must be acceptable. If the absence is approved, the percentage score of the final exam will be substituted for the score on the missed exam.

Grading Scale

| Percent | Grade |
|---------|-------|
| 95-100 | A |
| 90-94.9 | A- |
| 87-89.9 | B+ |
| 83-86.9 | B |
| 80-82.9 | B- |
| 77-79.9 | C+ |
| 74-76.9 | C |
| 70-73.9 | C- |
| 67-69.9 | D+ |
| 64-68.9 | D |
| 61-63.9 | D- |
| 0-60.9 | F |

***Final Grades will not be curved. It is the student's responsibility to sign in each day and complete all work by the final exam week.

Inclement Weather and Modified Schedules/Cancellations

Students enrolled in this course should be aware that we will operate the course as long as weather conditions warrant safe outdoor and horse handling activities. These conditions will include heat and rain. Lightning and torrential rain are indicators that may warrant cancellations or a modified schedule. Important course information will be distributed to students using Canvas Notifications and Email.

Working with Livestock

Working with livestock will require students to adhere to handling practices provided by the instructor either in written or verbal format. Animals are capable of injuring people, especially when they are in the flight or fight mode inspired by a stressful situation. The instructors will work to provide students with the ability to manage livestock with minimal stress, thus lowering the risk of injury to people and animals.

Injury and Emergency Contact

Students enrolled in this course must provide an emergency contact in the event of serious injury. Students must submit an emergency contact form prior to handling horses and attend a safety orientation meeting.

Class Demeanor & Dress

Students are expected to arrive on time, wearing appropriate dress, and behave in manner that is respectful. Please avoid the use of cell phones. Appropriate attire is long pants, short/long sleeve shirt, closed toed shoes - preferably made of leather and no dangling jewelry. Students arriving in flip flops or other open toed shoes will be sent home.

Campus Assistance Resources

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

Health and Wellness Resources

U Matter, We Care: If you or someone you know is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu, 352-392-1575, or visit [U Matter, We Care website](#) to refer or report a concern and a team member will reach out to the student in distress.

Counseling and Wellness Center: [Visit the Counseling and Wellness Center website](#) or call 352-392-1575 for information on crisis services as well as non-crisis services.

Student Health Care Center: Call 352-392-1161 for 24/7 information to help you find the care you need, or [visit the Student Health Care Center website](#).

University Police Department: [Visit UF Police Department website](#) or call 352-392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies).

UF Health Shands Emergency Room / Trauma Center: For immediate medical care call 352-733-0111 or go to the emergency room at 1515 SW Archer Road,

Gainesville, FL 32608; [Visit the UF Health Emergency Room and Trauma Center website](#).

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support: Contact the [UF Computing Help Desk](#) at 352-392-4357 or via e-mail at helpdesk@ufl.edu.

Career Connections Center: Reitz Union Suite 1300, 352-392-1601. Career assistance and counseling services.

Library Support: Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center: Broward Hall, 352-392-2010 or to make an appointment 352- 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.

Writing Studio: 2215 Turlington Hall, 352-846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.

Student Complaints On-Campus: [Visit the Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code webpage for more information](#).

On-Line Students Complaints: [View the Distance Learning Student Complaint Process](#).

If you are having problems comprehending lecture and (or) lab material or have other academic, university, or personal issues that are affecting your academic performance, please feel free to visit with the instructors to address the problem(s). Please do not wait until the end of the semester to address any difficulties you may be having.