

Equine Management Practicum

Course Syllabus

Horse Care & Grooming

This course focuses on the hands-on experience needed to work safely and appropriately around aspects of Equine and Agriculture Operations. Students will be involved in various farm related activities relating to horse care and farm operations. Students will focus on participating in safe animal care and farm equipment operation. (ANS 4231, 1 credit)

INSTRUCTOR

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OFFICE HOURS

By Appointment Only

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY, 8.27.2016
HORSE SAFETY EDUCATION

SATURDAY, 9.17.2016
FEEDS & FEEDING

SATURDAY, 10.22.2016
HORSE TRAILERS & TRAILERING

SATURDAY, 11.5.2016
SE FARRIER QUALS @ HTU

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Participate in scheduled safety orientation relating to animal behavior and handling, grooming, basic farrier safety.
2. Demonstrate basic operation of a horse trailer, loading and unloading of horses.
3. Meet **4 Saturdays** during the Fall Semester as listed.
4. **Groom 2 horses, 2x/week including bathing, foot care, mane and tail care.**
5. **Semester Project: Understanding the Investment in Horse Ownership.**

DAILY HORSE CARE SCHEDULING

Students will need to sign up for **1 feeding period** per week. During this feeding period, students will be assigned a horse to care for which will include a basic grooming and fly spray, bringing horse up to stall, cleaning stall and water bucket, feeding the horse correctly.

Available time slots include:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 4:00 – 5:00 PM (6 spaces per day)

Tuesday and Thursday | 7:15 – 8:15 AM (6 spaces per day)

Friday | 7:15 – 8:15 AM

Students will need to sign up for a horse and time using the Doodle poll sent out by email.

FINAL GRADING

Grooming & Feeding = 70%

Class Meetings = 15%

Final Rubric = 15%

A	95+
A-	90 – 94.9
B+	87 – 89.9
B	83 – 86.9
B-	80 – 82.9
C+	77 – 79.9
C-	70 – 72.9
D+	67 – 69.9
D	63 – 66.9
D-	60 – 62.9
E	0 – 59.9

GRADING

Students will be evaluated on attendance, handling assessments, and E-Learning Participation.

Attendance

Attendance is a critical part of this practicum. Both horses and students depend on everyone being here to complete daily care chores.

Animal Grooming and Feeding

Students will be evaluated on the number of grooming's and feeding's completed during the semester. **Students must groom 2 horses, 2X per week.**

No makeup days will be permitted.

No Class: Sept 5, Oct 14, Nov 11, Nov 23-26

Assignments and Assessments

There will be several skills assignments and assessments during the Fall term.

Students will be asked to master: basic feeding and daily care requirements of horses, trailer operation, horse handling and grooming.

Canvas

Students will use Canvas to access:

- Course Grades
- Students will follow a series of online training videos.
- Take quizzes and practicals to show mastery of subject materials.

GENERAL COURSE TIMES AND LOCATION

Online: e-Learning.ufl.edu

Morning Care: 7:15 AM - 8:15 AM

Afternoon Care: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Grooming Times: Anytime between 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location

Horse Teaching Unit
1934 SW 63rd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32608

Parking

Students should park in the main parking lot. **This includes scooters and motorcycles.**

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- Southwest Center for Agricultural Safety, Injury Prevention, & Education
- National Ag Safety Database

INJURY, INSURANCE, AND EMERGENCY CONTACT

Students enrolled in this course should provide an emergency contact (preferably a parent, brother or sister) in the event of serious injury.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA COUNSELING SERVICES

Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals, which interfere with their academic performance. These resources include:

1. University Counseling Center, 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575, personal and career counseling.
2. Student Mental Health, Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, personal counseling.
3. Sexual Assault Recovery Services, Student Health Care Center, 392-1161, sexual counseling.
4. Career Resource Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601, career development assistance and counseling.