

Weanling Handling Practicum

ANS 4231 Sections 2053 & 9796

Location: Horse Teaching Unit

Fall 2017

Instructor

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Office Hours: By appointment only.

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Course Description

This is a hands-on course in which students develop basic ground handling skills with weanling horses. Proper signaling, pressure/release principles, body position and body language are used to teach the horse to respect individual space, accept bathing, grooming, foot care, leading, tying, and trailer loading.

Considerations Prior to Enrolling

- Do I have any apprehension about handling large animals? If so, schedule a visit with the instructor to make sure this will be a good fit.
- Do I have regular transportation to the Horse Teaching Unit, 1934 SW 63rd Ave, Gainesville, FL 32608.

Course Schedule & Canvas

Lectures: Wednesday's @ 4:10 – 4:45 PM

Practical Work: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday

Section A: 3:30 – 4:20 PM

Section B: 4:20 – 5:10 PM

Canvas (elearning.ufl.edu): The course will utilize the university's course management system to manage assignments, assessments, grades, and final grades.

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:

- Develops an understanding of safe horse handling practices.
- Employs basic training principles and practices to develop a calm, well-mannered horse.

- Demonstrates varied training styles and appropriate use of restraint and correction.
- Studies equine behaviors, body postures, and herd social structure as they relate to behavior modification.
- Recognizes differences in training programs for weanlings versus yearlings.

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

- Identify differences between the young horse and the broke horse.
- Demonstrate calm and confident handling of the young horse.
- Demonstrate an understanding of ask-encourage-assert in training.
- Understand why an independent thinker makes for improved potential.
- Demonstrate critical thinking skills when dealing with the troublesome horse.
- Demonstrate pressure-release techniques and when it is time to follow through and be more assertive.
- Produce a young horse that is calm, quite, & confident that demonstrates a willingness to follow and adapt.

Class Attendance and Make-Up Policy

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.

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

There will be no make-up days offered in this course. Students should monitor their attendance grade closely. If an absence is excused, appropriate documentation should be emailed to the instructor at weanlingprac@ifas.ufl.edu. The final grade will be adjusted accordingly at the end of the semester.

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.

Grading

Category	Total Points
Weekly Attendance	1,900 pts (50 pts each)
Practical's/Assignment's	600 pts
Final Exam	100 pts
TOTAL	2,600 pts

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

Injury and Emergency Contact

Students enrolled in this course should provide an emergency contact in the event of serious injury. Students must submit an emergency contact form prior to handling horses.

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.

Course Schedule

Dates	Completion Deadline	Topic
Aug 23, 2017		LECTURE. Syllabus. Principles and Foundations.
Aug 30, 2017		LECTURE. Getting to Know Your Weanling & Grooming. Avoiding mistakes and bad habits. Haltering the First Time.
Sep 4, 2017		HOLIDAY
Sep 6, 2017	5:00 PM	ASSESSMENT. Initial Behavior Assessments Due. Assess Haltering and Tying Rope Halter
Sep 8, 2017		LECTURE. Teaching the Weanling to Follow. Desensitization.
Sep 13, 2017		LECTURE. Picking Up Feet. Fly Spraying.
Sep 20, 2017		LECTURE. Bathing.
Sep 27, 2017		LECTURE. Lounging. The art of confidence, assertiveness, & presence.
Sep 29, 2017	5:00 PM	ASSESSMENT. Picking Up Feet & Fly Spray
Oct 4, 2017 Obstacle course set up Oct 2 – 6.		LECTURE. Asking a horse a question and a horses independent thinking skills.
Oct 6, 2017		HOLIDAY
Oct 9 – 24, 2017		Independent Work.
Oct 16 – 27, 2017		Behavior Study Acclimatization.
Oct 25, 2017		LECTURE. Trailerling. Principles of Independent Loading.
Oct 27, 2017	5:00 PM	ASSESSMENT Acclimatization Survey & Canvas Assignment Due. Deadline to Sign Up for Trial Date & Time
Oct 30 – Nov 3, 2017		Weanling Behavior Testing
Oct 30 – Nov 27, 2017		Independent Work.
Nov 15 & Nov 17, 2017	5:00 PM	ASSESSMENT. Lounging & Trailerling
Nov 20 – 24, 2017		HOLIDAY
Dec 11 & Dec 13, 2017		FINAL EXAM Final Behavior Evaluation Due in Qualtrics

Schedule is subject to change

Course Calendar

Month	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	20	21	22	23 1 st Class Meeting 4:00 PM @ HTU	24	25	26	
	27	28	29	30 Lesson 1 Getting to Know Your Weanling & Grooming	31	1	2	
Sep 2017	3	4 HOLIDAY LABOR DAY	5	6 ASSESSMENT Behavior Assessments Due/Tying Rope Halter Assessment 1	7	8 Lesson 2 Teaching Your Weanling to Follow/Desensitization	9	
	10	11	12	13 Lesson 3 Picking Up Feet Fly Spray	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20 Lesson 4 Bathing	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27 Lesson 5 Intro to Body Control and Lungeing	28	29 ASSESSMENT Picking Up Feet Fly Spray	30	
Oct 2017	1	2	3	4 Lesson 6 Training & Independent Thinking	5	6 HOLIDAY Home Coming	7	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Behavior Study Acclimatization							
	22	23	24	25 Trailing	26	27 ASSESSMENT	28	
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29	30	31	1	2	3	4		
Behavior Testing								
Nov 2017	5	6	7	8	9	10 HOLIDAY Veterans Day	11	
	12	13	14	15 ASSESSMENT Lungeing & Trailing	16	17 ASSESSMENT Lungeing & Trailing Cont'd	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY								
Dec 2017	3	4 FINAL EXAM Final Behav Eval Due in Qualtrics	5	6 FINAL EXAM Final Behav Eval Due in Qualtrics	7	8	9	
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	