

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. (ANS 4231, 1 credit)

INSTRUCTOR

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OFFICE HOURS

By Appointment Only

IMPORTANT DATES

SATURDAY, 1.7.2017

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

HORSE SAFETY EDUCATION

SATURDAY, 1.28.2017

9:30 AM - NOON

FARRIER

SATURDAY, 2.18.2017

9:30 AM - NOON

FEEDS AND FEEDING

SATURDAY, 4.15.2017

9:00 AM - NOON

**HORSE TRAILER AND FINAL
SKILLS PRACTICAL**

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Participate in scheduled safety orientation relating to animal behavior and handling, grooming, basic farrier safety.
2. Meet **4 Saturdays** during the Spring Semester as listed.
3. **Groom 4 horses per week including bathing, foot care, mane and tail care.**
4. **1 barn feeding per week.**

WEEKLY COURSE REQUIREMENT

- Students will need to sign up for **1 barn feeding** per week. During this feeding period, students will be assigned 2 horses and stalls to care for which will include a basic grooming and fly spray, bringing in/turning out horses, cleaning stall and water bucket, feeding the horse correctly. Students will need to sign up for this feeding prior to Jan 7th.
- Students will need to groom 2 additional horses each week that includes identifying and reporting skin issues, understanding the various types of grooming products, currying, thorough bath, mane and tail, and foot care.

FINAL GRADING

Grooming & Feeding = 70%

Class Meetings = 15%

Final Practical = 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.

Students will be evaluated on the number of grooming's and feeding's completed during the semester. **Students must complete 4 groomings per week, attend 1 barn feeding per week, and 4 designated Saturdays.**

No makeup days will be permitted.

No Class: Jan 16th, Mar 4 – 11, 2017

Canvas

Students will use Canvas to access:

- Course Grades

GENERAL COURSE TIMES AND LOCATION

Online: e-Learning.ufl.edu

Morning Care: 7:25 AM - 8:25 AM

Afternoon Care: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Grooming Times: Anytime between Mon-Fri, 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.