Horse Grooming & Care
ANS 4231 Section 1G76
Location: Horse Teaching Unit
Spring 2018

Instructor

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Course Description

Grooming and care of horses is the foundation 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, grooming, and trailering.

Considerations Prior to Enrolling

- Will I have a conflict with the first Saturday meeting? This is a mandatory safety and procedures meeting, January 13th, 2018 from 9AM to Noon.
- Can I meet the majority of the Saturday meetings during the semester?
- Do I have any apprehension about handling large animals? If so, should I schedule a time to visit the Horse Teaching Unit and see if it is a fit for me?
- Does my schedule permit me to commit to 2 periods Monday afternoon through Friday morning during the timeframes of 7:15 – 9:15 AM OR 3:30 – 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 2 assigned horses. 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. The assigned days will be your assigned days for the semester.

Each day takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Once your horse care is complete, students are free to leave.

Students will need to attend 4 Saturday meetings (Jan 13th, Feb 17th, Mar 17th, & Apr 28th).
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 costs.

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.
- Demonstrate safe operation of a truck and horse trailer. Load a horse on and off a trailer.

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.

Saturday Meetings

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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. The final grade will be adjusted accordingly at the end of the semester.

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 and/or veterinary 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 and provide written/verbal answers at a level commensurate of a professional degree.

Grading

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Educational Resources

Canvas (e-Learning.ufl.edu)
Southwest Center for Agricultural Safety, Injury, Prevention, & Education
National Ag Safety Database

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 and attend a safety orientation meeting. Fall 2017 Safety Meeting is on August 26, 2017.

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.

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.