Horse Psychology and Training
ANS4218L

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OFFICE HOURS
My schedule varies week to week but I am typically in the office Mon. and Wed. from 8:00 – 11:00. You may also call for an appointment or see me before class at the HTU.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION
ANS4218L allows students an in depth examination into the methods by which horses communicate, learn and are trained. Students will be assigned a yearling or two year old. Horses will be trained to lead, tie, longe, drive, trailer load and accept handling for routine management practices. These horses will also be started under saddle and bridle, receive first rides and be carried as far as time and expertise will allow.

COURSE OBJECTIVES
- Upon completion of this course students will have an understanding of logical progression in a training program.
- Students should have a stronger ability to understand a horse’s personality and develop a training program to fit that personality.
- This course should help students learn to adjust an individual session, when necessary, as it progresses.
- Students will learn visual communication and the importance of body language when dealing with horses.
- Students will learn techniques to develop mutual respect with a horse.
- Students will develop the basic skills necessary for starting a horse under saddle.

COURSE FORMAT
Support materials will be presented by instructors and discussed with students during Monday lecture/demonstrations. M, W, F, students will work hands-on with their horse. The class will gather as needed to problem solve with individual horse and riders. All types/styles of training are open for discussion.
This course is 3 credits.

SCHEDULE
Lecture- Monday 8th per. 3:00-3:50
Labs- Monday 9th per. 4:05-4:55
W, F, 8th & 9th per 3:00-4:55
Horse Teaching Unit

CLASS ATTENDANCE & EXPECTATIONS
This course requires a large time commitment in order to achieve goals with your horse. If you are unable to make this commitment, do not take this course. If you must miss a scheduled class, permission must be received in advance. Absence due to illness will require written verification from the University Health Center or your doctor.

PREREQUISITES
Students must be able to demonstrate substantial previous riding experience.

TEXT
Principles and Techniques of Horse Training and Management (S.P. Webb, C.A.)
Evidence-Based Horsemanship (S. Peters & M. Black)
Hand-outs will also be utilized

EQUIPMENT
All horses will be started in a Western saddle & bridle provided by the University. Once well started, you horse may be ridden with an English saddle.
The University will provide riding helmets or students may provide their personal helmets.
GRADING SYSTEM

Participation & Progress 60
Four 10 Pt. Quizzes 40
Report on article or video 10
Exercise Journals 20
Stalls 10
Total 140

Final grade averages will be computed as follows:

A = 90% and above
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
E = below 60%.

+'s will be assigned to the letter grades (B, C, D) at the discretion of the instructors.

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2015 Important Dates

No Class
Labor Day 9/7
Homecoming 11/6
Veteran’s day 11/11
Thanksgiving 11/24-27

Last Day of Class
December 9

Services for Students with Disabilities

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation 0001 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565, www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/

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