

ANS 4992 Section 6447 Course Syllabus

University of Florida Department of Animal Sciences Fall 2015

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Have you ever wanted to become a professional horse show judge or be more competitive in the show ring? This course gives you the insight on what you need to know about horses in the show ring. It walks you through possible classes you could see at a stock horse or quarter horse show, from conformation to cattle classes and hunter hack jumping. This course will help you better understand what the judge is looking for. Once complete, you will have the basic foundation of how to be a 4-H or Open Show Judge.

Prerequisites:

ANS4992 Section 072A (spring course) to give you the basic foundation for this course. Otherwise, an extensive horse and/or show background are possible. Acceptance will be based on your experience. You do not need any prior horse judging experience to be in this class! My goal is to teach you what you need to know.

Textbook:

The UF Judging Manual is \$10, if you lose your manual and need to replace it your cost will be \$10.

Course Website on Canvas:

Sakai will contain notes, assignments, your grades, articles and useful links, and announcements. Login to: <https://lss.at.ufl.edu> (course number ANS4992 section 6447).

Time & Location:

ANS 4992 will meet every: **Tuesday and Thursday** in room 151 at ANS from **5pm to 7pm**. Students are expected to come to class and be on time. Attendance will be taken. See policy on attendance below.

Course Description: CREDIT: 1; PREREQ: ANS4992 072A

To provide students with equine evaluation skills in a competitive atmosphere, while gaining decision making skills, public speaking skills, and the opportunity to travel to various horse operations and competitions. Students will also have the opportunity to represent the University of Florida Animal Sciences Department at the *All American Quarter Horse Congress* in Columbus, Ohio on **October 14th** and the *American Quarter Horse World Championship Show* in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on **November 18th**. We will keep in mind the UF Twelve Day Rule for all UF students as to which days we will leave and return for these competitions.

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Course Objectives:

Successful completion of this course implies the student will be able to do the following: 1) give an oral set of reasons; 2) score in the 90th percentile in placing classes by the end of the semester; 3) make decisions quickly and confidently; 4) comfortably speak in front of a group; 5) become more familiar with basic judging principles; 6) learn more about the requirements for becoming a horse judge; 7) and gain the skills to successfully compete at the intercollegiate horse judging level. This course will focus on preparing students to correctly evaluate a horse in several disciplines. By the end of the semester, the student should be able to effectively evaluate and truthfully defend their particular opinion orally of a horse in each discipline. This course can benefit a variety of individuals involved in the horse industry.

Policy on Attendance

Absence from mandatory class meetings or workouts without instructor approval will result in not being able to compete at competitions. University policy requires students to attend class

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>. More than three unexcused/non-justified absences will result in one letter grade drop. Additional absences will also be considered for a drop in a letter grade. Special circumstances need to be addressed with the instructor and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Class Policies:

Being a member of a judging team will be one of the most valuable experiences of your college career if you put your effort into the material, guaranteed. Instructors at this university and many others consider students who compete on judging teams to be the “elite” of their programs and therefore you will be expected to act accordingly. No hats and appropriate dress will be worn in class and when traveling. **You are expected to practice OUTSIDE of class!! I am always available to take extra sets of reasons in my office or watch more videos outside of class if you desire to improve or practice, simply make an appointment with me.**

Online Course Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>.

Traveling:

The top five in the class will compete on the first team, followed by the next top five for the second team (regardless of you performing as a Limited Division contestant). The five that prove to continually give the most effort, put in the most practice, miss less class and deliver the most accuracy will be team number one. Other students will compete either on the second team or as individuals. Hard work is expected from each student as most of the entry fees, fuel and lodging are paid for by the University. It is expected that each student that travels participate in helping outside judging events such as the State 4-H contest, and several others events throughout the year. **You may be expected to pay for a portion of your trip if you decide to travel to a competition.**

Grading

All placing's and reasons scores will be recorded through the semester. The coach will assign a “participation” grade based on your placing scores, reasons scores and attendance. Attendance is required and will be recorded through class placing cards. Regular attendance will determine your success. Your effort and success through the semester will determine your place on a competing team. There are only 5 members on an intercollegiate horse judging team, with the top four scores counting towards the overall team score at a contest. The 5 individuals that preform the best and meet the below



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criteria will be selected to represent the UF team. Only two teams of five will be allowed to travel due to contest restrictions. Individuals may compete as well.

Each student's ability to compete on a team will be based on the following criteria, all to be weighted evenly.

- Effort
- Attendance
- Timeliness
- Attitude
- Placing scores
- Reasons scores
- Teamwork

Grading Scale:

A = 90 – 100 %
B = 80 – 89 %
C = 70 – 79 %
D = 60 – 69 %
E = less than 60%

Cell phones,
laptops,
iPods & other
electronic devices
should be silenced
during class time.



Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.” You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.”

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>.

University Counseling Services

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the University's counseling resources. Both the Counseling Center and Student Mental Health Services provide confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career and academic goals which interfere with their academic performance. The Counseling Center is located at 301 Peabody Hall (next to Criser Hall). Student Mental Health services is located on the second floor of the Student Health Care Center in the Infirmary.

- University Counseling Center – 301 Peabody Hall, 392-1575, www.counsel.ufl.edu
- Career Resource Center – CR-100 JWEU, 392-1601 ext 0, www.crc.ufl.edu
- Student Mental Health Services – Rm 245 Student Health Care Center, 392-1171, www.shcc.ufl.edu/smhs/
 - Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program
 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
 - Center for sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery & Education (CARE)
 - Eating Disorders Program
 - Employee Assistance Program
 - Suicide Prevention Program

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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. There is no requirement for a student to self-identify his/her disability. However, students requesting classroom accommodations must register with the Disability Resource Center, 0001 Reid Hall, 392-8565, <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/>

Software Use

All faculty, staff and students of the university are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against university policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

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Note: This schedule is tentative and will revolve around travel dates for Spring Trip. Coach/Advisor reserves the right to alter the schedule at her discretion.

August 25 th	Welcome Back Judges!!! Introduction and Review of Syllabus, HALTER! (Yay!) Paper Horse Project ☺
August 27 th	Review Halter, Judge class, give reasons (give paper horse reasons too!)
September 1 st	Two or Three Halter classes, Two sets of reasons on Halter
September 3 rd	Hunter Under Saddle, Two Classes, Two sets of reasons
September 8 th	Western Pleasure, Two Classes, Two sets of reasons
September 10 th	Western Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle, Two Classes, Two sets of reasons
September 15 th	Hunter Hack, Several Classes, Two sets of reasons
September 17 th	Western Riding, Two Classes, Two sets of reasons
September 22 nd	Reining, Two classes, Two sets of reasons
September 24 th	Horsemanship/Hunt Seat Equitation, Several Classes, Two sets of reasons
September 29 th	Trail, Two Classes, Two Sets of Reasons
October 1 st	Two Halter Classes, WP and a HUS class, Two sets of reasons
October 3 rd	SATURDAY MOCK CONTEST!!!
October 6 th	What needs to be practiced the most?
October 8 th	Class or no class before we leave?
October 10 th or 11 th	LEAVE for AQHA Congress (subject to change on dates we leave – get back late the 16th)
October 14 th	All American Quarter Horse Congress Intercollegiate Judging Contest
October 15 th	AQHA Congress Breakfast Banquet
October 20 th	Roping! Introduction and score a few runs
October 22 nd	Roping class and give reasons
October 27 th	Working Cow Horse introduction and scores a few runs
October 29 th	Ranch Riding introduction and score a few classes – reasons are homework
November 3 rd	Horsemanship/Hunt Seat Equitation, Several Classes, Two sets of reasons
November 5 th	Halter – give reasons
November 7 th	SATURDAY MOCK CONTEST!!!
November 10 th	Trail and Western Riding
November 12 th	No class unless you would like extra practice
November 13 th or 14 th	LEAVE for AQHA World Show (Oklahoma City)
November 18 th	AQHA World Championship Intercollegiate Judging Contest
November 19 th	AQHA World Show Breakfast Banquet
November 24 th	Meet to discuss competition (Last day of Class)
December 5 th	Horse Judging School (Mandatory that you help with this!) - HTU
February 6 th	State Fair Horse Judging – Tampa
April 2 th	State 4-H and FFA Contest

