Horse Grooming & Care
ANS 4231 Section 29H2
Location: Horse Teaching Unit
FALL 2018

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Course Description
Grooming and care of horses is a significant part 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.

Considerations Prior to Enrolling
- Do I have 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 8:00 – 9:15 AM OR 3:30 – 4:45 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.
- Each day takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour. Once your horse care is complete, students are free to leave.
- There are 4 Saturday classes (Handling Safety, Farrier Safety, Nutrition, & Final Exam)
- 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 submitted using the Canvas web form (i.e. doctor’s note, instructor letters concerning travel, etc.).
  UF Handbook Link: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx
- This course utilizes an automated attendance tracking system. Each student will be issued a FOB at the beginning of the semester. It is the student’s responsibility to check-
in at the designated attendance reader each day to receive credit for the day’s participation.

- At the end of the semester, students will receive a letter verifying participation in the course. The letter will consist of a brief explanation of the courses goals and requirements, number of days in attendance, the correlating animal contact hours received, and an instructor signature.

**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 has 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.

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.

**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

August 25th, 2018 - 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Safety & Orientation)
September 15th, 2018- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Farrier)
October 13th, 2018 - 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Nutrition)
December 1st, 2018 - 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM (FINAL EXAM)

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 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 that includes horse and stall care as well as provide written/verbal answers at a level commensurate of a professional degree.

Grading

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Grading Scale

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***Final Grades will not be curved. It is the student’s responsibility to sign in each day and complete all work by the final exam week.
Inclement Weather and Modified Schedules/Cancellations

Students enrolled in this course should be aware that we will operate the course as long as weather conditions warrant safe outdoor and horse handling activities. These conditions will include heat and rain. Lightning and torrential rain are indicators that may warrant cancellations or a modified schedule. Important course information will be distributed to students using Twitter (@ufequine #2018grooming), Canvas Notifications, and Remind. Students may subscribe to text alerts through Remind using the instructions provided or use the smartphone app.

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.

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.