

Discipline: Agriculture	Sub-discipline: Equine Science
General Course Title: Basic Equine Handling	Min. Units: 1 Semester
Proposed Suffix: L	
<p>Course Description: Introduction to the fundamentals of horse handling, with an emphasis on safety. Course covers identification of equine behavioral patterns, handling skills such as catching, haltering, tying, lunging and round-pen training, and recognizing how human/horse interactions affect equine behavior.</p>	
Required Prerequisites or Co-Requisites ¹	
Advisories/Recommended Preparation ²	
<p>Course Objectives: <i>At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and explain basic equine behavior as it relates to riding situations. • Identify and explain the parts, use, and proper care and storage of essential riding equipment. • Demonstrate basic handling of the horse including catching, haltering, leading and tying. • Groom the horse properly before and after riding. • Saddle and bridle the horse properly. • Mount and dismount the horse properly and safely. • Demonstrate basic control of the horse in a round-pen situation at the walk and trot (jog) and recognize the footfall sequence for each gait. • Recognize and practice basic horse handling safety skills while on the ground and when mounted. • Safely load a horse into and unload from a trailer. • Demonstrate use of new and innovative techniques in equine handling. • Demonstrate effective horse restraint. 	
<p>Course Content:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Equine Behavior <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Working safely around horses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visual capabilities of the horse related to horse handling safety 2. Approaching the horse in a stall B. Common behaviors and traits C. Interactions between horses and humans D. Points of the horse (conformation terms) 2. Basic English/Western Equipment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Halters <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Types 2. Uses B. Parts of the saddle C. Parts of the bridle D. Proper care and storage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bridle 2. Saddle 3. Saddle pad 4. Halter <p>Basic Equine Handling (Content Continued)</p>	

¹ Prerequisite or co-requisite course need to be validated at the CCC level in accordance with Title 5 regulations; co-requisites for CCCs are the linked courses that must be taken at the same time as the primary or target course.

² Advisories or recommended preparation will not require validation but are recommendations to be considered by the student prior to enrolling.

3. Basic Handling of the Horse

- A. Catching
- B. Haltering
- C. Leading
- D. Tying
- E. Tying a quick release knot

4. Grooming Techniques

- A. Brushes
 - 1. Types
 - 2. Uses
- B. Use of the currycomb
- C. Use of the hoof pick
- D. Fly spray
- E. Wash/rack procedures
- F. Hoof dressing and its use

5. Use of the Saddle and Bridle

- A. Saddle pad
 - 1. Proper placement
 - 2. Adjustment
- B. Saddle
 - 1. Proper placement
 - 2. Adjustment
- C. Proper adjustment of the bridle
- D. Stirrup adjustments

6. Round-Pen Training

- A. Safety techniques for proper mount and dismount
- B. Use of the reins
- C. Holding the reins
- D. Aids and footfall sequence for the walk and aids for the halt
- E. Working in a file/walk-halt practice
- F. The Trot (Jog)
 - 1. Explanation of gait
 - 2. Aids and footfall sequence for the jog
 - 3. Work in a file
- G. Combination Exercises
 - 1. Walk-halt
 - 2. Walk-trot
 - 3. Halt in file
 - 4. Halt in group

7. Horse Trailering

- A. Types of trailers
- B. Loading
- C. Safety

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8. Restraint

- A. Hobbles

B. Sideline C. Twitch	
9. Innovations in Horse Handling	
Laboratory Activities: Individual Laboratory Activities are designed to support course objectives.	
Methods of Evaluation: Lecture Comprehensive Quizzes and Exams Written Critical Thinking Scenarios Problem Analysis and Solution Research and Term Papers	Methods of Evaluation: Laboratory Laboratory Skill Validation by Observation Laboratory Projects and Reports Laboratory Research Projects and Reports Laboratory Skill Practicum Exams
Typical Textbooks, Manuals, or Other Support Materials <u>Horse Handling and Grooming</u> . Hill, Cherry. Storey Books, 1997. Instructor prepared materials.	
Statewide Articulation: UCD-ANS 149, other universities as lower division elective.	
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