EQSCI 101 Course Outline as of Fall 2024

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: EQSCI 101   Title: HORSE HANDLING SKILLS
Full Title: Horse Handling Skills
Last Reviewed: 1/25/2021

Units			Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.50		Lecture Scheduled	1.00	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	17.50
Minimum	1.50		Lab Scheduled	1.50	6	Lab Scheduled	26.25
			Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
			Contact Total	2.50		Contact Total	43.75
			Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 35.00   Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable
Grading: Grade or P/NP
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:
Formerly: AG 190

Catalog Description:
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Prerequisites/Corequisites:

Recommended Preparation:
Eligibility for ENGL 100 OR EMLS 100 (formerly ESL 100) or appropriate placement based on AB705 mandates

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

			Effective:	Inactive:
AS Degree:	**Area**		Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	**Transfer Area**		Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	**Transfer Area**		Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:	Effective:		Inactive:	
UC Transfer:	Effective:		Inactive:	

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:
Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Demonstrate safely horse handling practices.
2. Explain proper horse handling skills in a variety of situations.

Objectives:
At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:
1. Analyze horse behavior patterns and recommend probable safe management solutions.
2. Demonstrate proper catching, haltering, leading and tying.
3. Identify and practice skills needed for basic safe horse handling.
4. Demonstrate safe transportation of horses.
5. Describe common methods of horse selection.

Topics and Scope:

I. Handling
    A. Horse and handler interaction
    B. Horse behavioral patterns as related to handling
    C. Safe management solutions
II. Maintaining Horse Control
    A. Catching
    B. Haltering
    C. Leading
    D. Tying
III. Proper Lunging Procedures
    A. Demonstration
    B. Practice

IV. Round Penning
   A. Advantages and disadvantages
   B. Techniques
   C. Humane handling
V. Horse Trailering
   A. Types of trailers
   B. Loading and unloading
   C. Safety
VI. Tacking
VII. Proper First Aid Techniques
VIII. Hot Walker
IX. Horse Practices
   A. Selection methods
   B. Advantages and disadvantages of leasing vs. purchasing a horse

All lab topics will aligned with lecture topics.

Assignment:

Lecture Assignments:
1. Reading assignments (15-20 pages per week)
2. Writing assignments: worksheets
3. Research paper on horse selection or horse handling techniques (3-5 pages)
4. Quizzes (1-3); final exam

Lab Assignment:
1. Horse handling skills practical exam

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Worksheets; research paper

Writing 10 - 20%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

None

Problem solving 0 - 0%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Horse handling skills practical exam

Skill Demonstrations 50 - 70%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes and final exam		Exams 20 - 30%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None		Other Category 0 - 0%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:
101 Ground Training Exercises for Every Horse & Handler. Hill, Cherry. Storey Publishing, LLC. 2012 (classic)
Horse Handling & Riding Through Feel. Desmond, Leslie. Sunbelt Publishing. 2008 (classic)
How To Think Like A Horse: The Essential Handbook for Understanding Why Horses Do What They Do. Hill, Cherry. Storey Publishing, LLC. 2006 (classic)
Basic Horse Training. Hockemeyer, Michael. Hats Off Books. 2005 (classic)