*Reedley College Animal Science Program*

**AS 26 Western Riding**

**Fall 2015**

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**Class Schedule:** First Class: M 6:00 – 7:50pm AG Room 2

 Every Class Thereafter: M/W 6:00-7:50 pm Pavilion

 Rainy Day Schedule: TBA- whiteboard, BB, and Facebook

**Course Description:**

Introduction to western riding, saddling, grooming, and bridling. Students will acquire basic knowledge of equipment and safety procedures. Course topics include use of riding aids and transitions pertaining to western disciplines. The course will require students to participate in IHSA. Can be taken three times.

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| **Holidays:** Holidays will be observed as per the State Center Community College District Schedule. |
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| **Final Exam Date:** December 14th 6pm  |
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| **Drop Deadline:** October 16th  |
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| **Units:** 2 (based on 1 hours lecture and 3 hours lab per week) | **Units:** 3 (based on 2 hours lecture and 3 hours lab per week) |

**Topics:**

#1- Safety! Equine care, introduction to equine disciplines, ground work/manners between horse and handler, proper equipment use, grooming, tack and horse terminology, rider and horse skills to develop basic horsemanship.

**Behavioral Standards:**

All students are expected to act in a mature, responsible manner that respects the rights of all other students, the instructor, and any guest presenters that may participate in the class. All cell phones and other electronic gadgets that may cause distraction are to be turned “off” during lecture and lab sessions.

***Guests or persons transporting student’s horse are welcome to observe, but not allowed to ride or work with any livestock- even if they are the owner of equine.***

**Other Material Requirements:**

Please always have a pencil/pen available for information given during lecture or quizzes given during class.

***Each student is required to purchase a halter, lead rope, and/or grooming supplies for the horse they will be riding. The horses, saddle, pad, and bridle are provided by the school. These items can be donated back to the school, or taken home at the end of the semester.***

**Evaluation:**

Quizzes 20 points each

Participation (lecture) 10 points each Tuesday

Participation (lab) 10 points each Thursday

Final Exam 50 points verbal/written exam

* **The number of quizzes or participation points can change at any time depending on weather, availability to ride, guest speakers, or any other factors that affect our ability to work with livestock.**

**Grade Distribution:**

 Grade Percent

 A 90-100%

 B 80-89%

 C 70-79%

 D 60-69%

 F Below 60%

**Extra Credit:**

I will allow a ONE time make up assignment worth up to 20 points. This assignment is to write a minimum of one paragraph describing a horse or equine related event you attended this semester such as a horse show, auction, or volunteer at a horse related ranch. –OR- write on an article that you read in a horse related magazine or online publication. –OR- volunteer help at least one of the two days at the IHSA horse show in Tulare (COS Campus) October 31st and/or November 1st 2015.

\*Include your name, date, name of event, date attended, or title of article. This is a college course, so please use appropriate grammar.

# **Attendance Requirements:**

Attendance is required since most of the learning occurs in a lecture/laboratory situation.

* Students are responsible for obtaining notes or information missed due to an absence from the instructor.
* Please notify the instructor if you know in advance that you will be absent from class.
* College policy dictates that an instructor should drop a student with two consecutive and/or equivalent weeks of unexcused absences.
* At the end of the 9th week of instruction, no withdrawals are permitted and the student must receive a grade.

**IHSA Participation:**

Each student enrolled is required to participate in either the preparation in weeks prior to the IHSA show, or attend the show- competing or being part of the show help crew.

**Accommodations for students with disabilities:**

“If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.”

Important Dates:

IHSA shows: October 10th and 11th Cal Paloy SLO

 October 18th Sonoma State

 October 31st and November 1st COS Tulare

Parades: Reedley Electrical Farm Equipment Parade December 3rd 7:30pm

 Clovis Children’s Electric Parade December 5th 6:30pm

Horse Related Information:

* Heart of Horse Therapy Ranch (Volunteer opportunities) 5592977100
* Sport Equine (Volunteer, employment, horse sales) 5593070789
* CLMFarms (horse sales, breeding) 5594778761
* A&C Tack (horse tack) 5594778761
* Black Fence Farms (lessons, boarding, horse sales) 5592732705
* Long Horn Feed (feed, tack, clothes, shoeing supplies) 559322333
* Hay Company (feed) 5592512981
* Academy Feed (feed) 5598752855
* Tractor Supply (Ranch supplies, tack, grain, employment) 5592981496
* WKRP (boarding, monthly shows, volunteer, employment)
* ML Performance Horses (lessons, guided trail rides (year round), boarding)
* Shaver Stables (guided trail rides (May-Oct), employment)