*Reedley College Animal Science Program*

Course Syllabus Fall 2023

**Class Name & Number:** AS 26 – Western Riding and Horsemanship – Section: 58276

**Units: 2.0**

**Instructor Information:**

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***Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday: 5:00pm-6:00pm***

 ***Tuesday and Thursday 12:00pm-1:00pm***

**Class Meetings:**

Monday nights 6:00pm – 9:50pm at the Animal Science Pavilion. Please check campus email and canvas regularly for class location notification.

There will be some class assignments during the semester and if I must cancel class for any reason, there will be an online assignment for you to do that day as well. This is a riding class, so **ATTENDANCE and PARTICIPATION is MANDTATORY**. However, if for any reason you are going to miss class, all that I ask is for you to send me a message and let me know.

**Holidays:**

Holidays will be observed as per the State Center Community College District

**Drop Deadline:**

Last day to drop this class for a full refund is August 18th. August 27th last day to add this class. August 27th last day to drop this class to avoid a W on transcripts. The last day for a student to drop this course is **October 6th** After this date, the student must receive a letter grade.

**Final Exam:** TBD

**Prerequisite:** None

**Text & Other Course Material:**

 No text is required. Students will be required to review various websites and articles pertaining to the class. If class is for some reason canceled, there will be an online assignment. Riding attire is required to be able to ride in class, this includes close toe riding boots and jeans or breeches.

 **Grading Policy:**

Writing Assignment, homework, lab participation, class participation, quizzes, exams and lab reports.

 Grading Scale:

 **A** = 90-100% **B** = 80-89% **C** = 70-79% **D** = 60-69% **F** = ≤ 59%

The final grade will be determined 20% class assignments and exams, 20% final exam and 60 % laboratory activity, participation and lab reports. **There will be no make-up of any missed quizzes, exams and assignments or lab activities, unless discussed with me beforehand.**

**Attendance Requirements:**

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

* Student are responsible for obtaining the notes and information missed due to an absence from the instructor or fellow student
* College policy dictates that an instructor should drop a student with two consecutive weeks of unexcused absence.
* At the end of the ninth week of instruction no withdrawals are permitted and a student must receive a grade.
* Please refer to the Website, campus email and Canvas regularly to be notified of any canceled classes

 **Behavioral Standards:**

 All students are expected to act in a mature, responsible manner that respects the rights of all students, instructors, staff and guests of Reedley College. All cellphones and other electronic devices must be turned off and put away during lecture and lab.

**Cheating and Plagiarism:**

 In compliance with SCCCD board policy 5410, each student is expected to extend an entirely honest effort toward attaining an education. Violations of this policy will result in disqualification for the course.

**Accommodations for Students:**

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

**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. This course will require student participation in intercollegiate horse show competition and may be repeated 3 times.  ADVISORIES: English 125 and English 126. (A, CSU, UC)

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

AS-26 SLO1: Demonstrate proper safety precautions for working with horses.

AS-26 SLO2: Demonstrate western riding skills at a targeted level of proficiency.

**Learning Objectives:**

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| *In the process of completing this course, students will:** Identify the parts of a horse.
* Relate a horse's conformation (form) to function.
* Employ proper safety and groundwork practices.
* Employ proper catch and haltering techniques.
* Properly utilize basic horse-related knots.
* Identify and label parts of tack.
* Differentiate among and describe uses of horse equipment for different riding applications.
* Demonstrate basic riding skill at walk, trot, and lope.
* Identify and ride basic transitions between gaits.
* Discuss the basic key considerations for selecting and purchasing a horse.
* Summarize the basic principles of riding western horses in a variety of events.
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**Lecture & Laboratory Topics:**

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| I. Parts of the HorseII. ConformationIII. Basic Safety and GroundworkA. SafetyB. Groundwork            1. Approaching a Horse            2. Haltering a Horse            3. Leading a Horse            4. Tying a Horse            5. Saddling            6. Unsaddling            7. Bridling            8. Unbridling            9. Lunging            10. RestraintsIV. Catch and HalteringV. Basic Knots            A. Quick releaseVI. Horse Equipment            A. Parts of the western saddle and bridle            B. Equipment uses for different riding applicationsVII. Biomechanics of Movement            A. Muscles involved in gaits and action            B. Common gait defects            C. Center of gravityVIII. Riding Horses            A. Walk            B. Trot            C. LopeIX. Basic Transitions between GaitsX. What to Consider when Selecting and Purchasing a HorseXI. Western Competition Classes            A. Rules and regulations that apply to different events            B. Training the show horse            C. Judging different events            D. Riding patterns |
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**Bringing Outside Horses**

This is allowed after the 7th week of the semester and with instructor approval. Please check with the instructor weekly as we may not ride some days on given weeks. At any point if the rider and horse are deemed “unsafe” by the instructor the student will no longer be allowed to bring the horse.

**Parking**

There is to be ***NO PARKING AT THE PAVILION.*** Students must park in assigned student parking and will walk to the pavilion for lab. Any unauthorized cars will be ticketed. Enforcement on this is strict.