

REEDLEY COLLEGE

Basic Equitation – “The art and science of Riding”

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CATALOG LISTING: For the horse enthusiast. No riding experience needed. Basic care, horsemanship and handling, trailering, history of riding, equitation theory and instruction, introduction to horse shows.

CLASS MEETING: Tuesday, 1:00 P.M. (1 hr. lec., 3 hrs. lab). Instructor, M office hours Monday 11:00 or by appointment, Ag. 5. Extension 3355 or dial 638-0355 anytime.

OBJECTIVES: Students will:

Learn history and theory of equitation, the art and science of horsebackriding

Learn basic balance, use of hands, legs and body as aids to communicate effectively with a horse

Learn horsemanship, including care, safety, grooming, saddles and tack

Examine, trailer safety, trailering, horse associations and showing

COURSE DISCUSSION:

Basic equitation will benefit all riders including experienced. The class will involve riding in groups as well as individual exercise. Adequate riding time will be provided for practice. Emphasis will be on riding skills.

RECOMMENDED REFERENCE: “Horses,” by J. Warren Evans. Additional handouts will be made available

COURSE OUTLINE:

Basic Horsemanship

Parts of the horse and tack

Trailering and Safety

Equitation Balance

Use of hand & leg aids

Riding exercises & flexibility

Intro. To Associations

Horse shows & showing

CLASS REQUIREMENTS: Under normal conditions riders will supply their own horses. Other arrangements are possible under certain conditions.

ATTENDANCE: Satisfactory attendance as per board policy

CLOTHING: Suitable clothing for outdoors, cold weather, trail and muddy conditions. Sturdy western boots for riding are required.

GRADING: Total points from attendance, quizzes, performance, skill and written tests will determine final letter grade.

NOTES: