*Reedley College Animal Science Program*

Course Syllabus Fall 2016

**Class Name & Number:** AS 25 – EQUINE HANDLING– Section 59063

**Units: 1.0** (3 - hour lab)

**Instructor Information:**

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**Class Meetings:**

 Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. This class meets at the Pavilion unless otherwise instructed to meet in the classroom. Please check campus email regularly for any class location notification.

**Holidays:**

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

**Drop Deadline:**

August 26th last day to drop with full refund; September 5th last day to drop a class on WebAdvisor to avoid a W; **October 14th** last day to drop the class with W, after that grade must be given.

**Final Exam:** Monday December 12th 6:00 p.m.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Text & Other Course Material:**

 No text is required. Students will be required to review various websites and articles pertaining to the class

 **Grading Policy:**

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

 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, 10% final exam and 70 % laboratory activity and participation. There will be no make up of any missed quizzes, exams and assignments or lab activities.

**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 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. ADVISORIES: English 125 and English 126. (A, CSU, UC)

**Learning Objectives:**

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| *In the process of completing this course, students will:** Identify and explain the parts, use, and proper care and storage of essential riding equip
* 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 effective horse restraint.
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| **Laboratory Topics:** |
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|   | 1. Basic Equine Behavior
	1. Working safely around horses
		1. Visual capabilities of the horse related to horse handling safety
		2. Approaching the horse in a stall
	2. Common behaviors and traits
	3. Interactions between horses and humans
	4. Points of the horse (conformation terms)
2. Basic English/Western Equipment
	1. Halters
		1. Types
		2. Uses
	2. Parts of the saddle
	3. Parts of the bridle
	4. Proper care and storage
		1. Bridle
		2. Saddle
		3. Saddle pad
		4. Halter
3. Basic Handling of the Horse
	1. Catching
	2. Haltering
	3. Leading
	4. Tying
	5. Tying a quick release knot
4. Grooming Techniques
	1. Brushes
		1. Types
		2. Uses
	2. Use of the currycomb
	3. Use of the hoof pick
	4. Fly spray
	5. Wash/rack procedures
	6. Hoof dressing and its use
5. Use of the Saddle and Bridle
	1. Saddle pad
		1. Proper placement
		2. Adjustment
	2. Saddle
		1. Proper placement
		2. Adjustment
	3. Proper adjustment of the bridle
	4. Stirrup adjustments
6. Round-Pen Training
	1. Safety techniques for proper mount and dismount
	2. Use of the reins
	3. Holding the reins
	4. Aids and footfall sequence for the walk and aids for the halt
	5. Working in a file/walk-halt practice
	6. The Trot (Jog)
		1. Explanation of gait
		2. Aids and footfall sequence for the jog
		3. Work in a file
	7. Combination Exercises
		1. Walk-halt
		2. Walk-trot
		3. Halt in file
		4. Halt in group
7. Horse Trailering
	1. Types of trailers
	2. Loading
	3. Safety
8. Restraint
	1. Hobbles
	2. Sideline
	3. Twitch
9. Innovations in Horse Handling
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