*Reedley College Animal Science Program*

Course Syllabus Spring 2017

**Class Name & Number:** AS 26 – Western Riding & Horsemanship – Section 59313

**Units: 2.0** (1.5-hour lecture 1.5-hour lab)

**Instructor Information:**

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**Class Meetings:**

Monday 6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m. in AGR 2. Laboratory 7:00 p.m. 9:50 p.m. at the Animal Science Pavilion. Please check campus email and canvas regularly for class location notification.

**Holidays:**

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

January 16th Martin Luther King, Jr. Observed

February 20th Washington Day Observed

April 10-14 Spring Break

**Drop Deadline:**

January 20th last day to drop with full refund; January 29th last day to drop a class on WebAdvisor to avoid a W; January 27th last day to add class; **March 10th** last day to drop the class with W, after that grade must be given.

**Final Exam:** Monday May 15th 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. Ridding 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, and 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, 10% final exam and 70 % laboratory activity, participation and lab reports. **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 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)

**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.
* Assess the balance and movement of a horse by applying the principles of biomechanics.
* 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.
* Compete in at least one intercollegiate horse show competition (e.g. IHSA Intercollegiate Horse Show).
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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 release            B. Fiador knot            C. MecateVI. 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.