*Reedley College Animal Science Program*

Course Syllabus Spring 2024

**Class Name & Number:** AS 24 – Equitation – Section 52734

**Units: 2.0** (1 - hour lecture 3 - hour lab)

**Instructor Information:**

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**Class Meetings:**

 Wednesday 6:00- 6:50 p.m. AG 15, 7:00 – 9:50p p.m. pavilion. Please check campus email and Canvas regularly for any class location notification.

**Holidays:**

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

**Drop Deadline:**

January 19th last day to drop with full refund; January 26th last day to drop a class on WebAdvisor to avoid a W; January 28th last day to add class; **March 8th** last day to drop the class with W, after that grade must be given.

**Final Exam:** Wednesday May 15th 6:00 PM

**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, 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 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. Absolutely no cell phone while riding the horse.

**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:**

Fundamentals of horsemanship, equestrian theory, riding practice, equipment, terminology, basic care, safety around horses, and horse handling. Emphasis on riding skills to develop the horse and rider as a unit. This course will require student participation in intercollegiate horse show competition and may be repeated 2 times. ADVISORIES: Eligibility for English 125 and 126. (A, CSU)

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Demonstrate proper safety precautions for working with horses.
2. Demonstrate riding skills at a targeted level of proficiency.

**Learning Objectives:**

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| *In the process of completing this course, students will:** Identify commonly used horse tack and equipment
* Identify the external anatomical features of the horse
* Explain the importance of proper riding attire, safe horse handling and safe riding techniques
* Demonstrate the proper technique for catching, haltering and tying a horse
* Demonstrate the proper grooming and horse care procedures prior to and after riding
* Practice safe procedures for loading and unloading from a stock trailer
* Compete in at least one intercollegiate horse show or another approved ISHA horse show event.
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**Lecture & Laboratory Topics:**

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| **Lecture Content:*** History of Equitation
* Basic Horse Handling
	+ Horsemanship, safety, and care
	+ Learn safety and care of the horse herd
* Riding Preparation
	+ Grooming technique, procedures, and equipment
	+ Care of the feet and legs
* Terminology
	+ Parts of the horse, feet, and legs
	+ Parts of equipment
* Saddling and Bridling Procedures
* Equestrian Theory
	+ Presentation of the balanced seat
	+ Development of hand, body, leg, and voice aids
* Riding at Different Gaits
	+ Determining cadence
	+ Identifying leads and defining diagonals
* Safety in Horse Transportation
* Horse Show Classifications

**Lab Content:*** Horse Behavior, Handling & Safety
* Riding Preparation
* Tack & Equipment
* Saddling and Bridling Procedures
* Mounting & Dismounting
* Riding at Different Gaits
* Horse Transportation Safety
* I.H.S.A. Horse Show Competition (participate or assist)
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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.