Advanced Horse Evaluation EQSC 325 and Advanced Horse Evaluation Lab EQSC 325 L
Fall 2018
TR 1:00-1:50 pm
Location: Equine Lab 001
Lab: TR 2:00-2:50 pm
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COURSE INFORMATION
Please note this course is for students genuinely interested in competitive collegiate horse judging. Travel to horse competitions is required.

Textbook: NONE

Optional Texts and/or Materials: Various video resources that will be provided throughout the semester

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Course Description

Course emphasis is on equine evaluation in collegiate competition with refinement of decision making and public speaking skills. **Travel to horse competitions is required.**
Pre-requisites: EQSC 225 or permission of the instructor
Co-requisites: NONE

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will reinforce their knowledge of the principles of equine evaluation and selection and apply those skills to selection of horses for a purpose.
- Students will understand the standard criteria used to evaluate horses, emphasizing structure, conformation, and balance.
- Students will recognize conformational faults and relate them to potential performance and/or soundness issues.
- Students will gain useful experience in analytical and critical thinking, judgment, written and oral communication.
- Students will judge individual and groups of horses by developing an organized method of evaluation.
- Students will compete on a collegiate horse judging team or as individuals representing Texas A&M University-Commerce.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Skills Needed

The student in this course should have a **basic understanding** of equine evaluation and the ability to identify selection criteria based upon the horses use. The student should also have an **understanding of formulation of a set of oral reasons** to defend their decisions on a class of horses. **Students will also actively participate as a member of the collegiate horse judging team. Students will actively participate in fundraising to cover travel expenses.**

Instructional Methods

We will spend our time in lecture and lab discussing horse evaluation and place horses in many classes and disciplines while learning the oral communication skills necessary to defend their places in the formal presentation of a set of reasons. Practices on campus are supplemented by

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practices at shows and horse farms in the North Texas and Southern Oklahoma horse country.

The students will have the chance to judge at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, the APHA and AQHA World Championship Shows, and the NRHA and NCHA Futurities, as well as, several other competitions.

The horse judging team is a great opportunity to meet new people, travel with a team, and make new and lasting friendships.

**Student Responsibilities or Tips for Success in the Course**

The student should understand that attendance is mandatory for a passing grade. The student will be expected to attend and participate in all class and practice sessions. The student will be required to actively participate in fundraising activities as well. Above all other requirements the student is expected to come to class/practice/competition with an open mind and willingness to learn.

The first few days will be spent evaluating horses on campus at the TAMUC Equine Center. The class will then begin travelling to horse farms and horse competitions to evaluate horses shown at halter and performance events.

The instructor will expect each student to participate in all activities. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor prior to an absence if at all possible. In the case of a medical emergency or illness you should provide a doctor’s note to receive an excused absence.

**GRADING**

**Grading Policy**

Grades will be determined by the following:

- Attendance and Participation in lecture = **200 points**
- Weekly practice sessions on or off campus = **200 points**
- Weekend competitions = **200 points**
- Fundraising = **200 points**
- National competitions = **200 points**
- **TOTAL POINTS = 1000 points**

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Appropriate Clothing:

1. For practice sessions on campus and at horse farms/shows you will be expected to dress casually, but appropriately. You will be expected to wear boots or shoes that are western but professional looking and clean. Shirts and pants will need to be pressed/starched and clean. No hats or caps will be allowed.
2. For actual judging contests you will be expected to dress as follows:
   a. Females will wear tan slacks that are starched and pressed with navy blue blazers that fit your body type. Boots as described above will be required as well. Ladies should wear their hair in a neat manner as if attending a nice dinner. Earrings and jewelry should be appropriate not excessive.
   b. Males will wear tan slacks that are starched and pressed with navy blazers that fit your body type. Boots as described above will be required as well. Men should wear their hair in a neat manner as if attending a nice dinner. Facial hair should be trimmed neatly and kept to a minimum.
   c. No hats or caps will be allowed.
   d. We will discuss this further in class and examples of professional attire will be given.

Thank you for signing up and let’s have fun!

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

Students will receive points each day for attendance and participation. Students will receive a 0 for absences. For an absence to be considered for being excused, student must contact the instructor before class. Permission to make-up work, practices, etc. for excused absences will only be granted in advance. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the instructor of absences and arrange to make-up work. Three unexcused absences will result in a letter grade drop and five unexcused absences will result in an F in the class. It is the student’s responsibility to drop the class. There will be no make-up work offered for unexcused absences. Tuesdays and Thursdays

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are both lab days, so lab and lecture will count as two separate class periods with two separate set of attendance points to be earned.

**Syllabus Change Policy**
The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

**University Specific Procedures**

**Student Conduct**
All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the Student Guidebook. [http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/documents/studentGuidebook.pdf)

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: [Netiquette](http://www.albion.com/netiquette/corerules.html)

**TAMUC Attendance**
For more information about the attendance policy please visit the Attendance webpage and Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01. [http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx](http://www.tamuc.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx)


**Academic Integrity**
Students at Texas A&M University-Commerce are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.03](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students(academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf)

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[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf)

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### ADA Statement

**Students with Disabilities**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

**Office of Student Disability Resources and Services**

Texas A&M University-Commerce  
Gee Library- Room 162  
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835  
Fax (903) 468-8148  
Email: studentdisabilityservices@tamuc.edu  
Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](http://www.tamuc.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/)

### Nondiscrimination Notice

Texas A&M University-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

### Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in Texas A&M University-Commerce

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buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and A&M-Commerce Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url: http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all A&M-Commerce campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Current semester by specific dates

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