Stock Horse Equitation and Lab  
EQSC 335.001 and EQSC 335 L  
Spring 2020  
MWF 10:00-10:50 am  
Location: Equine Lab  
Lab: MWF 11:00-11:50 am  
Lab Location: Equine Lab  

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COURSE INFORMATION  

Course Description  
This course is a hands on study of the basic maneuvers involved in training and showing of the versatile western stock horse in collegiate stock horse competitions.  

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.  

The syllabus/schedule are subject to change.
Materials needed - Good fitting pair of riding boots and comfortable pair of jeans/pants to ride in. I also recommend that you bring water to class in case of hot weather.

Textbook: Stock Horse of Texas and American Stock Horse Association Rulebooks

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

Corequisites: None

Prerequisites: Previous experience or a desire to begin showing in SHOT or ASHA events or instructor approval.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course students should have an understanding of these concepts;
- Founding principles and philosophy of the Stock Horse of Texas and the American Stock Horse Association
- The selection and basic training of the competition Stock Horse
- The four classes in a Stock Horse competition
- Basic concepts of Stock Horse Pleasure
- Basic concepts of Stock Horse Reining
- Basic concepts of Stock Horse Trail
- Basic concepts of Working Cowhorse
- Preparing the Stock Horse for competition

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Basic Riding Skills Needed
The student in this course should have a basic understanding of proper western equitation. They should be comfortable riding in a western saddle at a walk, trot, and lope. They should be able to distinguish which lead the horse is on at all times. They should have an independent seat and understand the use of their hands and legs in proper equitation.

SAFETY is the #1 priority for labs, if I tell you to do something for your safety or the safety of others, do it and do not question me! I will let you know when it is safe to challenge your skill level.

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Appropriate Clothing:

1. Riding boots with a riding heel. Absolutely no “tenny lamas”, spike heels, or sandals.
2. Loose fitting jeans or long pants. No shorts or skirts.
3. An appropriate shirt. No tank-tops.
4. Jackets or coats in cooler weather. I will not provide you with a coat if you show up without one and get cold.
5. You will be required to wear a safety helmet when riding. (TAMUC will provide a helmet to all students, but you may use your own approved riding helmet if you wish.) We will discuss proper equipment and fit of saddles in the first two weeks.
6. You may wish to bring a water source with you to class.
7. DO NOT carry your cell phone on your person when we are riding. Also please remove earrings and jewelry that may be lost when riding.

Instructional Methods
We will spend our time in lecture discussing horse training theory and techniques that will be useful for competition in Collegiate Stock Horse shows. We will learn the rules of governing SHOT and ASHA competitions and discuss tack and equipment in the lecture portion as well. We will spend our lab time applying the principles discussed in the lecture. The labs will cover the four classes in a Stock Horse competition. We may meet at designated times outside of the course for team practices either here at the TAMUC Equine Center or at outside facilities.

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 lecture and labs. The student will be expected to ask questions in discussion and complete quizzes over the rulebooks. Above all other requirements the student is expected to come to class with an open mind and willingness to learn. Safety is of the utmost importance and a disregard for the safety of themselves and other students will not be tolerated.

The first few days will be spent evaluating the performance level of horses used in the course and discussion of expectations of the level of care each horse needs. The class will use horses owned the students enrolled in the course. The lab class will meet at the TAMUC Equine Center Arena. The instructor will take roll each and every class period at the beginning of class. Students who show up after roll has been taken will receive an unexcused absence for that class period. 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.

Minimal Technical Skills Needed
The following information has been provided to assist you in preparing to use technology in this course. Texas A&M University-Commerce uses the D2L Online Learning Management System for online course access. Although this course is a face-to-face

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course, we will use an online gradebook that can be accessed in D2L and you will need to complete weekly quizzes in D2L.

The following technology is recommended to be successful in this online course.
Internet connection – high speed recommended (not dial-up)
Word Processor
Power Point
Additionally, the following hardware and software are necessary to use myleoonline:

- Chrome and Firefox are the recommended browsers

**GRADING**

**Grading Policy**
Daily activities will consist of study and group discussion of specific skills, techniques and/or maneuvers. Each student will ride and practice maneuvers in order to advance both the student’s and animal’s levels of proficiency, comfort, and confidence. The skills will be presented in progressive sequence in that mastery of each skill is necessary for it will be incorporated into future maneuvers. Therefore attendance is imperative.

I will maintain a gradebook in the D2L LMS version of the course. You should be able to access this at any time, throughout the semester. If you should have questions about your grade, check the D2L Gradebook first, then contact the instructor. You are expected to take all quizzes and complete discussions in the D2L LMS and will be held accountable for not doing so. I will post quizzes and discussion topics each week in D2L and you will be responsible for answering all quiz questions and discussions.

Grades will be determined by the following:

- Attendance and Participation = 450 points
- Weekly assessments of progress with horse = 150 points
- Final assessment of skills = 200 points

**COURSE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**Course Policies**

- **Academic Honesty Policy**

  All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. (See current ‘Code of Student Conduct’ from online Student Guide Handbook)

  Texas A&M University-Commerce does not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of academic dishonesty. Conduct that violates generally accepted standards of academic honesty is defined as academic dishonesty. "Academic dishonesty"

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includes, but is not limited to, plagiarism (the appropriation or stealing of the ideas or words of another and passing them off as one's own), cheating on exams or other course assignments, collusion (the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing course assignments), and abuse (destruction, defacing, or removal) of resource material.

http://www.plagiarism.org/

Examination & Quiz Policy

Quizzes are open book. This means that you may print out the lectures to use during the quizzes. Although, the student should be familiar with the information because there will not be enough time allotted to look up every answer. The student shall also be familiar with the information because not all questions will have a direct answer. They will require critical thinking and understanding of the material in the lecture. The final exam shall not be open book and will cover all material from the semester. If a student loses internet connection during a quiz, the instructor will look at the technical report and decide whether the quiz may be retaken.

Late Work

Late work will be accepted up to one week late with a 25% deduction.

Drop a Course

“A student may drop a course by logging into their myLEO account and clicking on the hyperlink labeled ‘Drop a class’ from among the choices found under the myLEO section of the Web page.”

Instructor Policies

The instructor reserves the right to change the syllabus, points allotted, or other information as needed throughout the semester.

University Policies

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 132
Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835
Fax (903) 468-8148
StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu
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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 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

January 13 – Introductions to the course, expectations, and safety
January 15 – History and development of the stock horse, SHOT, ASHA
January 17 – Quiz #1- First riding evaluation
January 20 – MLK Jr. Day – No class
January 22 – Proper Warm-up for success in training and showing
January 24 – International Equine Judging Academy, No class
January 27 – Pleasure Evaluation - Pleasure – gaits and transitions
January 29 – Credit earning transitions – developing pattern strategy
January 31 – Quiz #2- Stopping and backing – Refining pattern strategy
February 3 – Showing in the Pleasure class and penalties/credits
February 5 – Reining evaluation
February 7 – Quiz #3 – Reining circles
February 10 – Reining circles and speed control
February 12 – Spins – getting started right
February 14 – Quiz #4 – Cue for credit earning spins

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February 17 – Leads and simple changes
February 19 – Lead changes, turning simple into flying changes
February 21 – Quiz #5 –
February 24 – Quick trail practice
February 26 – Quick flag/cattle practice
February 28 – Stock Horse of Texas – Kick-Off Classic Clinic/Show in Bryan
March 2 – Stops and rollbacks
March 4 – Rundowns, Stopping and sliding
March 6 – Quiz #6 – Showing in the Reining class and penalties/credits
March 9 – SPRING BREAK
March 11 – SPRING BREAK
March 13 – SPRING BREAK
March 16 – Trail evaluation
March 18 – Walking, trotting, and loping obstacles, the bridge, slicker
March 20 – Walking, trotting, and loping obstacles, the gate and mailbox
March 23 – Walking, trotting, and loping obstacles, backing obstacles
March 25 – Walking, trotting, and loping obstacles, the side pass obstacle
March 27 – NRSHA Collegiate Ranch and Stock Horse Championship in Lubbock
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April 1 – Dragging the log, swinging the rope, roping the dummy, optional obstacles
April 3 – Showing in the Trail class and penalties/credits
April 6 – Boxing on the flag
April 8 – Reading cattle
April 10 – Boxing live cattle
April 13 – Fence work
April 15 – Fence work
April 17 – Fence work
April 20 – Circling the cow
April 22 – Putting the cow horse run together
April 24 – Slowing it all down
April 27 – Roping the cow and stopping
April 29 – Open topics – guest speakers
May 1 – Open topics – guest speakers
May 4 – 8 – FINALS WEEK

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