Special Problems
AGR 475 SPRING 2016
Agriculture Research Center

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Text:  None Required

Description:  Individual instruction in laboratory or field problems. Students will be required to wear an approved riding helmet and appropriate footwear at all times.

Class:  Determined by the instructor and student based on problem assigned and number of credit hours taken for AGR 475. Meet at the SFASU Equine Center

Course Goals:  Students will understand the fundamentals and principles of horsemanship and demonstrate a variety of riding skills, techniques, and maneuvers. Students will demonstrate proficiency of the skills and techniques required to ride and work with horses safely and effectively.

Grading:  Grades will be determined by the following:

| Attendance and Participation | 100 |
| Mid-Term- One demonstration of progress with horse(s)/paper | 200 |
| Final Exam | 300 |

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Total 600 possible points
Attendance and participation include the following: coming to class and being prepared on time (catching and saddling of horse if applicable), signing in on the roll sheet, and working each assigned animal that allows success and required maneuvers to be learned. If any of the three are not done, then credit will not be given for that class period and points will be deducted. Since class is not held on campus, I will allow everyone a ten minute leeway on time.

**Attendance:** Expected and Encouraged. For absences to be considered excused, advanced notice is preferred, documentation upon return to class is required. Only excused absences will be allowed to make up missed work. More than two unexcused absences will result in the loss of a letter grade per each subsequent absence.

**Program Learner Outcomes:**
1. The student will demonstrate competence of technical and applied subject matter and in performing tasks associated with all areas of equine training
2. The student will exhibit problem solving skills based on quantitative and analytical reasoning.
3. The student will demonstrate effective communication skills.
4. The student will exhibit leadership and other interpersonal skills needed for career placement and advancement.

**Academic Integrity (A-9.1)**
Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

**Definition of Academic Dishonesty**
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one's own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at [http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp)

**Any breech of academic integrity will result in failure of the class.**

**Misuse/Harmful Treatment of Animals:**
Any and all misuse and/or harmful treatment of animals will not be tolerated. The first and second offense will result in a removal from the class for the day, with all points for the day being forfeited. Upon the third offense, removal from the class will result for the remainder of the semester and a failure of the class will result.
Photography/Videography/Audio Recordings:
Any and all photography, videography, and/or audio recordings during lecture and/or lab will not
be tolerated. Upon the first and second violation, the individual will be removed from class, but
not before the photo, video, and/or voice recording is deleted. All points for the day will be
forfeited. Upon the third offense the photo, video, and/or voice recording will be deleted and
removal from the class for the remainder of the semester will be implemented and a failure of the
class will result.

Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic
chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course
work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one
calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade
automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will
automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of
computing the grade point average.

Students with Disabilities
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students
with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building,
and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified,
ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be
provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For
additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/
Yearling Program

Each yearling assigned should be able to complete the following by mid-term:

- Halter broke
- Lead at a walk and trot with and without halter
- Able to be groomed with no bad vices
- Stop and back up with and without halter
- Safely pick up and hold all four feet for an extended period of time both with a rope and hands
- Side pass both directions on the ground
- Pivot both directions on the ground
- Set up
- Stand tied for an extended period of time, without any bad vices
- Round pen work and respect

Each yearling assigned should be able to complete the following by end of semester:

- All mid-term requirements
- Catch in pasture, pen, and/or arena
- Successfully load and unload from a trailer without handler getting in the trailer
- Perform all in hand trail maneuvers
- Lounging on a lounge line at all gaits both directions
- Be desensitized to the objects provided (will be the same as in colt starting)
- Be able to stand and take a bath

Horse Breaking

Please see the syllabus for ANS 438, each horse is expected to do what is listed and in the same time frame.

Reproduction/Exercise Physiology Project

- Feed every afternoon Monday-Friday
- Palpate and Ultrasound mares every MWF
- Take to vet when needed to be bred
- Take to vet every Friday from 12-2:30
- Collect and spin blood
- Separate blood from plasma and properly freeze
- Be responsible for mares every other weekend
- Exercise mares for intensity and duration when asked
- Paper/Exam for midterm and final