

EQUINE HORSEMANSHIP SYLLABUS
Equine Horsemanship I/II
ARIZONA AGRIBUSINESS AND EQUINE CENTER
Fall 2019

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: AAEC is providing a Horsemanship Class on the Paradise Valley Campus. This course is designed for students who are interested in learning to ride and cultivate horsemanship skills. It is also designed to broaden and deepen the knowledge of those whom are already horse savvy. ***Students must maintain a C GPA in all of their other courses to be able to participate in this class.***

Throughout this course you will learn and possibly tested on the following skills:

- Catching and Haltering
- Leading and Tying
- Basic Grooming Techniques
- Hoof Care
- Proper use and care of tack
- Groundwork (walking, lounding)
- Saddling and Bridling
- Mounting and Dismounting
- Gaits of the horse
- Stopping and Backing
- Safety when working with horses.

***Students who do not pass a horsemanship safety test with 100% accuracy will not be allowed to participate in stable activities. However students may take the safety test as many times as necessary to achieve a perfect score. ***

CLASS EXPECTATIONS: All Equine classes at AAEC are electives; therefore they are a privilege to attend. You must exhibit **RESPECT** all aspects of this class, these aspects include but are not limited to the Instructor, the classroom and/or learning environment, all horses and/or guest speakers in or out of the classroom. Students are also expected to show courtesy, compassion, tolerance, professionalism and positive outlook. Bottom line; treat others as you would like to be treated.

- ***Attendance:*** Regular attendance is Critical for you to pass this class. Please arrive ON TIME, prepared and ready to learn. Try your best, work your hardest and you are sure to succeed in this class. Students having more than 10 absences in this class may be dropped and/or receive a failing grade for the semester. Excused absences are will be allotted for any absence due to illness given said student has written medical and/or parental notification.
- ***Weekend Care:*** Students are required to clean, feed and care for horses in rotations for weekends and holidays on school campuses. This is a requirement for this course to help students gain independent work study and understanding of the responsibilities of horse ownership. Each student is required to attend to 2 weekend/holiday days per month (or 4 separate feed/cleaning times) This assures that everyone is doing equal work and students are not unaccompanied at the barn. This is not a instructor supervised experience, but I am easily contacted if required.
- ***AAEC Policy Adherence:*** Students are expected to understand and demonstrate all AAEC and PVCC policies in regards to appropriate dress code and conduct.

***All students will wear a helmet when riding. ***

Requirements for Riding:

Students must have all of the following items before they may participate in the riding portion of the horsemanship class:

- AAEC/FFA Liability Waiver.
- Proof of Insurance (filed with AAEC)

- Riding Release/Hold Harmless Waiver.
- Safety Test-100%
- Passing peer evaluation scores for prior week.
- Long jeans or pants (not baggy)
- Helmets (your own or one provided for you.)
- Good/positive attitude.

Horsemanship is an elective. Therefore, if a horsemanship student is failing a core class subject, the student will not be allowed to ride until their grade is pulled up to passing. Additionally, any student who does **not** adhere to the safety regulations, or does **not** complete all care and groundwork duties required will not be allowed to ride until they have completed the requirements to the group foreman's or instructors expectations.

Assessments:

Throughout the year you will be tested to determine your comprehension of the material taught in the course, Self/peer Evaluations, riding assessments, weekend care, and physical tests are all used to assess student knowledge acquisition of horsemanship skills and equitation.

Students who do not maintain a 70% or better grade in the class, who are struggling or missing work need to approach the instructor and discuss a solution. Special coursework and makeup work can be assigned to help the student finish late or missing work.

Grading: Your grade for this course will be determined by the quality of your work on all assignments, tests, quizzes, projects and journal work. Your grade will be determined as follows:

- *Groundwork/Riding Assessments*- 30%
- *Weekly Care/Grooming of Horse & Team Evaluations*- 30%
- *Weekend Feeding/Maintenance (requirements met)*- 40%

The lowest individual test scores per student will be dropped at the end of the semester. This means that if you are absent or receive a failing grade on a test, do not panic! You will have every opportunity through extra credit and homework to still pass this course. Again, if you feel you are struggling or are worried about your grade standing in class, please approach the instructor so we can address your issues together and implement a plan. AAEC does not award D's so the standard grade scale for all classes is:

A 100-90%, B 89-80%, C 79-70%, F 69% or Below

***Instructor Disclaimer: Instructor reserves the right to change class schedule and grading policy as needed. Any changes will only be in the best interest of the student and announced when changed.*

Syllabus Receipt

Please detach from syllabus and return to your instructor.

Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Class: Horsemanship

Semester: Fall 2019

I have read and understand the course syllabus for this class. Along with the instructor's explanation and discussion, I understand what is expected of me to earn credit and a specific grade for this class and I understand the class procedures and objectives for the semester. I have read and reviewed this syllabus with my parent(s) and/or Guardian(s).

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Preference: Phone____ Email____ Time: AM____ PM____

I understand the requirements, inherent risks and dangers involved with working with and riding animals in this course as well as the Arizona State liabilities regarding Equine activities for my child. I have also reviewed and accepted the objectives and requirements of the course and instructor, including my child's weekend responsibilities for this course.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____