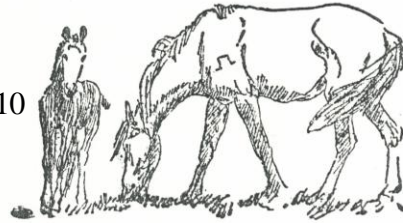


AGSC 3750
HORSEMANSHIP III
Fall Semester, 2010
Monday 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Valley Farm



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FALL OFFICE HOURS: MWF 7:30-8:30, 10:00-11:00 a.m. and by appointment.

PREREQUISITES: AGSC 2760 and instructor permission.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An advanced riding course focusing on equine behavior and learning. Development of sound riding and training practices will be stressed. Course may be repeated twice for credit.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course is designed for intermediate to advanced riders who desire to improve their equitation skills and training techniques. We will consider psychological, anatomical, and physiological aspects of horses and riders which affect our ability to communicate with and understand each other. By the end of the semester, you should be able to:

1. Get horse in psychological state of mind ready for training.
2. Define and refine your cueing techniques.
3. Ride in a balanced seat, and give consistent cues.
4. Get horse to position his/her feet where and how you want them when you are on the ground and when you are riding.
5. Recognize subtle changes and attempts that horse makes to do what you have asked.
6. Further develop and describe your training philosophy, mentally and in writing.

TEXT: Think Harmony with Horses, by Ray Hunt, Raymond J. Hunt, 1997, ISBN:0914330152. Available at Amazon.com and other sources.

GRADING: Grades will be given with the following criteria:

	<u>Points</u>
Progress	150
Horsemanship (groundwork)	150
Horsemanship (equitation)	150
Attitude, cooperation, and equipment care	100
Attendance	150
Assignments	100
Weekly Journal	<u>200</u>
TOTAL	1000 Points

A zero in any category will result in a failing grade, regardless of the scores in the other categories.

Final grades will be based on the following scale:	A	90-100%
<i>(pluses and minuses will be added</i>	B	80-89%
<i>where appropriate)</i>	C	70-79%
	D	60-69%
	F	<60%

COURSE REQUIREMENTS / EXPECTATIONS:

- The main focus of this class will be on equine behavior and how it affects our training, riding, and approach to the horse. Most of the class time will be spent working with horses; however there will be a variety of other required activities possible, including lectures, demonstrations, class discussions, videos, and perhaps guest lecturers. Time will be spent in the classroom, arena, round pen, and elsewhere as deemed appropriate.
- A journal with a summary of each week's class will be required at the end of the semester. Keep it up to date, as I may ask to see it at any time. The journal makes up a considerable portion of your grade, so do a good job. Describe what was discussed and what we worked on during each class period, what you learned, what was accomplished, what wasn't accomplished, your thoughts on the week's class experience, etc. Make the journal an evaluation of the class and your own riding. If it is not typed, it must be neatly written and organized. When grading the journal, I will look at the following things:
 - Completeness
 - What we talked about
 - What we did
 - What you learned
 - What you thought
 - Neatness and organization

I would expect that each day's entry will take up at least ½ page, and usually more. This is a place to further develop and explain your own philosophy of horse training. Don't just report on what we did or discussed. Develop your own thoughts on each class period.

- This is an outdoor course and as such is subject to the weather. No riding will be undertaken in conditions considered by the instructor to be unsafe. Cold and/or wet weather may dictate the need for warm clothing.
- Appropriate footwear is required for all riding. No riding may be undertaken in footwear considered by the instructor to be unsafe.
- Attendance is essential to success in this course. Learning will depend on the time and experience gained in class. Because of this, attendance will be a major component in grading. Each absence will result in a deduction of 50 points. The third absence and every absence thereafter will result in a drop of a full letter grade.
- S.U.U. sponsors an FFA horse judging contest on Tuesday, September 28, 2010. You will be expected to help with the contest as a part of this class. This will require time outside of regularly scheduled class to prepare for the contest, and attendance/performance at the contest.
- Cell phones are a distraction to the horses and other riders. Please do not carry a cell phone during class time.
- Spurs may be worn with instructor's permission.
- Riding helmets are available in the tack shed for student use.
- Class assignments should be handed in at the beginning of the class period on specified due dates. Assignments not completed at the beginning of class may be penalized. For each day an assignment is late the grade may be lowered by 50%.
- No dogs are allowed to run free at the farm.
- Horse boarding is available at the university farm.
- **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:** Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by Student Services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, and the intellectual property policy, for information about procedures and about what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior.

- **ADA STATEMENT:** Students with medical, psychological, learning or other disabilities desiring academic adjustments, accommodations or auxiliary aids will need to contact the Southern Utah University Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD), in Room 206F of the Sharwan Smith Center or phone (435) 865-8022. SSD determines eligibility for and authorizes the provision of services.
- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT:** In case of emergency, the University's Emergency Notification System (ENS) will be activated. Students are encouraged to maintain updated contact information using the link on the homepage of the *mySUU* portal. In addition, students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Emergency Response Protocols posted in each classroom. Detailed information about the University's emergency management plan can be found at <http://www.suu.edu/ad/facilities/emergency-procedures.html>.
- **HEOA COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:** The sharing of copyrighted material through peer-to-peer (P2P) file sharing, except as provided under U.S. copyright law, is prohibited by law. Detailed information can be found at <http://www.suu.edu/it/p2p-student-notice.html>.
- **TREATMENT OF LIVE ANIMALS:** In this course, we will use and may conduct experiments using live animals. These animals are to be treated with respect at all times. In addition, any vertebrate animal used in this course is covered by protocols and permits under the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (<http://www.iacuc.org>). IACUC has strict requirements for the ethical care and use of animals in research and educational settings. Guidelines for animal care set forth by IACUC will be followed at all times. Failure to comply with IACUC guidelines will result in a failing grade for the class and/or research project. Students do not have the authority to make decisions regarding proper animal care and use. All decisions should be made in conjunction with the instructor.

Information contained in this syllabus, other than grade and absence policies, may be subject to change with advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

