

**ANSI 3202
EQUINE TRAINING METHODS
FALL 2008**

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MEETS: Monday and Wednesday at 2:30 to 4:20 at the Equine Center.
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LAB MANUAL: Equine Training Methods; Cooper & Freeman

GRADING:	Weekly Evaluations	25%
	Mid-Term Evaluation	25%
	Final Project Evaluation	50%

Weekly evaluations will be given in which students will be asked to demonstrate techniques and methods of training previously covered that week. A written, take-home Mid-Term and Final exam will also be given and will cover material from the first week of class up to that point in the semester. Grades will be determined by the student's ability to: 1) answer questions over material covered both in class and the training manual; 2) demonstrate proper training techniques as taught by the instructors; and 3) attend class regularly.

Letter grades will be assigned according to the following standards:

A= 90% or above
B= 80-89%
C= 70-79%
D= 60-69%
F= 59% or below

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is mandatory and will be taken at each class meeting. A total of two (2) absences will be allowed. Each subsequent absence will result in a reduction of 2 percent of the final average for the course. Students are responsible for all work in the course. Authorization may be granted to make up missed work in case of sickness, death in the family or other necessary circumstances, provided adequate documentation is provided by the student. All students will take all examinations on the announced dates. No make-up exams will be given except in case of sickness, death in the family or other emergency. In those cases students must notify the instructor prior to the scheduled exam and present requested verification.

<u>WEEK</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1.	<p>COURSE INTRODUCTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Farm Tour ➤ Information Sheets ➤ Equipment and Uses ➤ Horse Safety and Training Principles
2.	<p>HORSE BEHAVIOR AND TRAINING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Behavioral Characteristics and Their Senses ➤ The Training Process ➤ Factors Affecting Success in Training
3.	<p>SAFELY HANDLING HORSES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Haltering ➤ Leading ➤ Tying ➤ Safety measures for working around horses ➤ Methods of Restraint
4.	<p>BASIC GROUND HANDLING AND GROOMING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Equipment ➤ Gentling Tools ➤ Daily Grooming ➤ Handling feet and legs
5.	<p>SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Body Position ➤ Walking and Trotting ➤ Setting Up for Inspection ➤ Moving Around Horse During Inspection
6.	<p>METHODS FOR TRAINING AND EXERCISING ON THE LONGE LINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reasons for Longeing ➤ Body Position for Handler and Horse ➤ Moving Horse Forward ➤ Stopping
7.	<p>HOOF CARE AND FARRIER SCIENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Anatomy of the hoof ➤ Equipment ➤ Paring ➤ Trimming ➤ Rasping
8.	<p>HORSE HEALTH PRACTICES</p>

- Restraint
 - First Aid
 - Physiological parameters
 - Veterinarian-client relationships
9. INTRODUCING THE BRIDLE AND BITS
- Bit Construction
 - Types of Bits and Their Uses
 - The Bitting Process
10. SADDLING THE GREEN HORSE
- Parts of the Saddle
 - Saddling for the First Time
 - Untracking the Green Colt
 - Unsaddling
11. MOUNTING AND RIDING THE GREEN HORSE
- Appropriate Place and Time
 - Mounting and Dismounting
 - Horse Behavior
 - The First Ride
12. BASIC HORSEMANSHIP
- Holding the Reins
 - Basic Body Position
 - Natural and Artificial Aids
13. BASIC PERFORMANCE MANEUVER TRAINING
- Lateral Flexion
 - Lateral Maneuvers
 - Stop
 - Back
 - Pivot
 - Lead Changes
14. PERFORMANCE MANEUVER TRAINING, cont'd
15. PERFORMANCE MANEUVER TRAINING, cont'd
16. FINAL PROJECT EVALUATIONS AND WRITTEN FINAL EXAM