

ADVS 1600
Riding Fundamentals I
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Course Description:

The goal of this course is to teach the fundamental principles of horsemanship. You will be expected to learn the body control and balance of an equestrian and begin to understand your horse and how to get the most out of it. Students will be expected to progress beyond beginners in one semester. You will not only learn the riding aspect, but how to properly feed, doctor, and maintain a equine facility. This does not stop on Friday. Students will need to sign up for additional feedings throughout the semester.

Course Objectives:

- ➔ To develop confidence with horses not only under saddle but on the ground as well.
- ➔ To learn to use your natural aids in riding and how to control an horse using minimal force
- ➔ To understand the work surrounding the equine industry
- ➔ To develop independent thinking when working with horses

Exams and Grading:

Attendance (60):

Points will be deducted in increasing increments of five. (5 for first two misses, 10 for second two etc.) Only one make up is permitted and it requires two feedings and a ride with the TA covering topics missed.

Work Ethic (30):

Missed feeding will be deducted at 10 points each, missed feedings can only be made up during holidays and finals week. Slacking will also deduct points. This includes at the barn and during rides.

Report (40):

A paper will need to be submitted on a topic from a list that I supply. Students will need to present their paper to the class for 50% of their grade.

Care Horse (30):

Each student will be assigned a horse to care for throughout the semester. They will be responsible for grooming this horse weekly and tracking the horse (weight loss or gain, injuries etc.) A journal entry will need to be turned in weekly (due by Friday at 5pm).

Final/ Midterm (40)

This is to include both a practical and a written element. You can not pass this class without passing the riding aspect of the final.

Grading Scale:

- A -> 175 +
- B -> 160-174
- C -> 145-159
- D -> 130-144
- F -> 129 or less

Subjects Covered:

- Saddling and bridling
- Ground Manners
- Western and English Equitation
- Posting / balance exercises
- Proper cueing
- Bending and Flexing
- Trail Class Obstacles

Course Policies

Students are to arrive on time, tardiness will result in lost points.

Appropriate Dress. Long pants, proper working boots, hair tied back, no ripped or otherwise inappropriate clothing. All tank tops must have a two inch strap.

Cell Phones Are NOT Permitted In The Barn!!!!

No friends, family or pets are allowed to attend class.

*****You can not go onto 2600 without a C or better in the 1600 class*****