COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Syllabus

Course Number/Title	AG 162, AG 163, AG 165, AG 167 Horsemanship for Horse Training	**Year**	Fall 2012
Department	Agriculture	**Credit Hours**	1
Required Text	None	**Days/Time**	1. MW 9:25-10:40am 2. TR 3:05-4:20pm 3. MW 3:05-4:20pm 4. by arrangement
Instructor	Shanda Mattix Shanda.mattix@colbycc.edu	**Room #**	College Farm
Office Hours	By appointment	**Phone**	460-5464 office
Course Placement	Freshman/Sophomore	**Pre-requisite**	Equestrian Team Member, Instructor Permission Only

Rationale:

In order to be successful in the horse industry, students must possess basic horsemanship skills.

Course Description:

Students will ride horses at the college farm to attain the skills necessary to properly exercise and train horses. Topics covered will include safety and use of rein and leg aids to complete basic maneuvers. Students ride college and privately owned horses in order to achieve the horsemanship skills covered in class.

*This class is required for students competing on the Equestrian Team.

Course Outline:

1. Personal safety when working with horses
2. Equipment safety, proper care and identification
3. Appreciation of normal horse behavior and learning
4. Gaining full control of a horse while on the ground
5. Learning and incorporating exercises to increase rider flexibility
6. Applying voice, seat, hand and leg aids to control horse's body parts
7. Establish and perfect a balanced-seat riding position
8. Learn to identify the ideal gaits for the western pleasure & hunt seat horse
9. Establish control of various unfamiliar horses thru application of proper riding aids.
10. Learn the basics of show ring etiquette and develop an award-winning presentation.
11. Practice mental relaxation and positive focusing exercises to improve riding performance.

Course Learning Objectives Assessed:
1. Ride a horse through a prescribed pattern, at varying gaits with 80% accuracy.
2. Identify and correctly spell the parts of the stock seat and hunt seat saddles with 80% accuracy.
3. Demonstrate how to correctly catch, tie, groom, saddle, and bridle a horse with 80% accuracy.
4. Evaluate other riders and be able to give a positive oral critique with suggestions for improving performance with 80% accuracy.

Method of Instruction:
Lecture, demonstration, video tapes and hands-on applications of techniques discussed.

Method of Evaluation
60%   Attendance and Participation- will be evaluated as follows:
       Practice:
          Absent. No college, doctor's, or nurse's excuse   0 points
          Present, but did not work hard.   3 points
          Present and worked hard during class.   6 points

        Workouts:
          Team members are required to work out two times per week, for a total of 36 times per semester. Each recorded workout will count as 6 points for a maximum of 216 points possible.

20%   Practicals
       There will be a mid-term and final riding exam. Each one will be worth 15% of the grade. Saddling and bridling practical 5% of the grade.

20%   Written Exams & Writing Assignments
       Written exams will cover parts of the saddle, gaits, aids, equine behavior and any other material presented in class.

Course Requirements:
Students must attend class ready to ride for the entire class period. Students will provide own equipment.

Assignment Policy:
10% will be deducted for each class day the assignment is late.

Test Policy:
Makeup exams will be given at the discretion and convenience of the instructor.

Attendance Policy:
100% attendance is expected. Unexcused absences will be reflected in grade (see above).

Academic Integrity Policy:
Colby Community College defines academic integrity as learning that leads to the development of knowledge and/or skills without any form of cheating or plagiarism. This learning requires respect for Colby's institutional values of quality, service and integrity. All Colby Community College students, faculty, staff, and administrators are responsible for upholding academic integrity.
Cheating is giving, receiving, or using unauthorized help on individual and group academic exercises such as papers, quizzes, tests, and presentations through any delivery system in any learning environment. This includes impersonating

another student, sharing content without authorization, fabricating data, and altering academic documents, including records, with or without the use of personal and college electronic devices.

Plagiarism is representing or turning in someone else's work without proper citation of the source. This includes unacknowledged paraphrase, quotation, or complete use of someone else's work in any form. It also includes citing work that is not used and taking credit for a group project without contributing to it.

The following procedure will be used for students who violate the policy:

- First Offense – Student will receive a zero for the assignment and the student will be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs.
- Second Offense – The student will be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs and removed from the class.
- Third Offense – The student will be reported to the Dean of Academic Affairs and dismissed from the college.

Any questions about this policy may be referred to the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Assessment Statement:

Colby Community College assesses student learning at several levels: general education, program, and course. The goal of these assessment activities is to improve student learning. As a student in this course, you will participate in various assessment activities. An example of your work, a paper, some test questions, a presentation, or other work may be selected for assessment. This process will not affect your grade, will not require you do additional work and your evaluation will be confidentially handled. Results of these activities will be used to improve teaching and learning at Colby Community College.

Cell Phone Policy:

It is your choice to be in this class. If you choose to come to class, the instructor and fellow students demand your attention and respect. Cell phone usage, including text messaging, iPod usage, or usage of any other electronic device is not allowed in class. Any student who cannot meet these expectations will be asked to leave the classroom and will be counted absent for that day.

Rain Dates

In case of inclement weather, students should contact instructor to inquire if and where class will be held. Notices will be posted on instructor's door if class location is changed.

Syllabus Information Disclaimer:

I reserve the right to change any information contained in this document, when necessary, with adequate notice given to the student. Notice shall be given in the classroom during class. No other notice is required. It is the students' responsibility to keep up with any changes, modifications, adjustments or amendments that are made to this document.

Accommodations for Students With Disabilities:

According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, it is the responsibility of each student with a disability to notify the college of his/her disability and to request accommodation. If a member of the class has a documented learning disability or a physical disability and needs special accommodations, he/she should contact Student Support Services, which is located in the Student Union.

Equipment:

Students must wear boots with heels--no tennis (athletic shoes), hiking boots, etc. You are expected to dress like a professional horse trainer. No spaghetti straps allowed.

Students must provide a halter and lead rope, saddle, saddle pads, and grooming equipment- round rubber curry, a stiff brush, a soft brush and a hoof pick.

Recommended Resources:

Horse & Rider Magazine – CCC Library

*Additional reading materials will be provided in class.