

AGSC 193: Introduction to Equine Science

Fall 2006

TR 9:00 – 9:50 am, MG 1094, T 1:30 pm – 3:20 pm, MG 2026 and Farm

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Description and Objectives: This course is a broad introduction to the horse, including general terminology, ancestry, history and domestication, selection criteria, buying a horse, breeds and breed types, basic anatomy, diseases and parasites, and feeding and feeding management. Reproduction, nutrition, behavior and training, equine business management and exercise physiology, while briefly addressed, are primarily covered in other classes.

Text: None. Handouts will be provided as needed.

Lecture Schedule (subject to revision)

August 29.....Course introduction	October 24 Horse health
August 31Natural history	October 26 Horse health
September 5Domestication	October 31 Horse health
September 7Domestication	November 2 Horse health
September 12Domestication	November 7 EXAM 2
September 14Identifying horses	November 9 First aid
September 19Identifying horses	November 14 First aid
September 21Types of horses	November 16 First aid
September 26Survey of breeds	November 21 Behavior
September 28Survey of breeds	November 23 Thanksgiving Break
October 3Survey of breeds	November 28 Breeding
October 5 EXAM 1	November 30 Breeding
October 10Selection of horses	December 5 Feeding Management
October 12Selection of horses	December 7 Feeding Management
October 17Selection of horses	December 14 FINAL 7:30 am
October 19Horse health	

Examinations and Grading

Exam 1 (October 5).....	100 points
Exam 2 (November 7)	100 points
Final Exam (Thursday, December 14, 7:30 am).....	200 points (comprehensive)
Lab	250 points total (10 quizzes, 25 points ea.)
Total course points.....	650 points

Grades will be calculated as a percentage of the 600 total points possible. Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
Below 60	F

Please note that students are not allowed to keep their tests; after grading, tests are returned for review, but are then re-collected.

Policy on absences and missed work

1. Excuses for unauthorized absences will not be accepted.
2. An authorized absence does not excuse the student from any missed work.
3. Permission for making up any missed work will be granted only for authorized absences arranged in advance of the absence or in the case of sickness, injury, or death in the family. In these cases, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the professor as soon as possible. In the case of absence due to sickness, the student must present verification of the illness from the Student Health Center or family doctor.
4. Work missed due to unauthorized absence cannot be made up and a grade of zero will be recorded. Work missed due to an authorized absence must be made up or will be assigned a grade of zero.

Academic Dishonesty

Students are expected to do their own academic work. Any student caught cheating on an examination or on any other assignment will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the one of the following actions:

1. punitive grading such as receiving an "F" on the assignment or in the class;
2. being reported to the Division Head, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the Dean of Student Affairs;
3. University Conduct action for violating the Student Conduct Code;
4. being suspended or expelled from the major or division by the Division Head;
5. being suspended or expelled from the University as a sanction for violating the Student Conduct Code.

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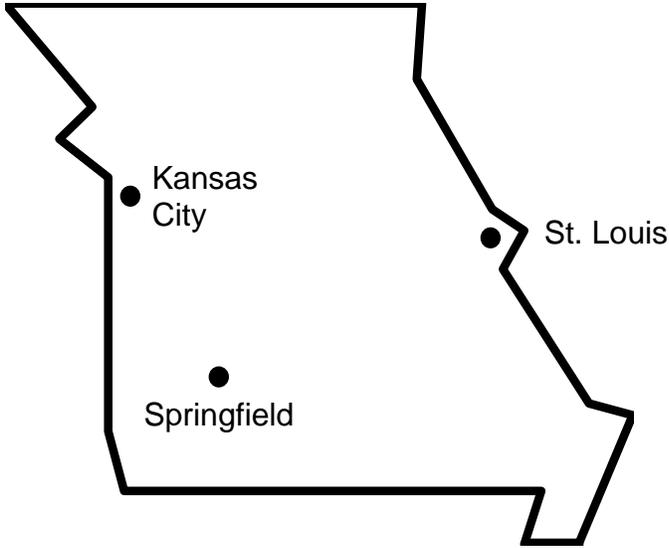
AGSC 193 Student Information Sheet

Name, SSN, Major _____

Campus address _____

Campus phone _____

Where are you from? If from Missouri, also mark the location on the map.



Please describe your experiences with horses.

What would you like to get out of this course? Be as specific as possible.
