

AGSC 301- Special Problems  
Equine Science

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Course Description: This course is designed to give each of you credit for working on a specific problem with your individual project horse(s).

Expectations:

**Beginning of semester-** meet with me to discuss your project horse(s), define goals for the semester, and how to accomplish these goals.

**Throughout the semester-** work with your project horse(s) for as many hours a week as credit you are receiving for the course (this does not always mean riding, a lot can be accomplished from the ground). Keep a journal (electronic please!) of how each session with your project horse(s) is spent. Please include goals for your upcoming session and then record how well those goals went during the next session (The goal can be simple). Please e-mail me your journals by the first of each month. I want each of you to take at least two "lessons" with me throughout the semester (this can be about 15-10 mins before or during equestrian team practice). I will also try to ride each of your projects as least once during semester. If at any point you feel there is something wrong (physically or mentally) with your project horse(s) please let me know right away!

**End of the semester-** sometime before reading day each of you needs to turn in a summary (3-4 pages) of how well you meet the goals for each of your project(s).

When can you ride: Whenever there is not a class going on (see schedule on tack room door) as long as you have someone else with you. Make sure you do not interfere with feeding time or leave any horses in pastures by themselves. You have first preference for you project horse(s) during equestrian team practice. However, remember many of these horses are a vital part of the horsemanship classes and often get ridden by several people at practice. You are welcome to provide pointers to other riders on your projects (if you have asked them ahead of time), but please come to me if you notice a serious problem.

Points:

Journal Entries- 150pts (should have at least 15 at 10 points each)

Final Summary- 100pts

Riding Lessons- 100pts (50 pts for each)

Total- 350pts

Grades will be calculated as points earned out of points possible. Letter grades will be assigned on a traditional ten point scale.