



**COLLEGE OF SCIENCES**  
**Sam Houston State University**  
**Course Syllabus: Spring 2018**

**DEPARTMENT:** Agricultural Sciences and Engineering Technology

**COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE:** EQSC 2364 Equine Science

**CLASS LOCATION:** Indoor Arena

**CLASS MEETING TIME:** MW 1:00 pm – 2:50 pm

**INSTRUCTOR:** Kalley Fikes, M.S.

**OFFICE:** Pirkle 323

**OFFICE HOURS:** By appointment only

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**Course Objectives:**

This course will investigate all aspects of horse management and care. Topics covered include: history, breeds, identification, selection, behavior, nutrition, reproduction, health, facilities, activities, and equine careers. The ultimate objective is to provide students with basic information required for successful selection, ownership, care, and enjoyment of horses. It is designed to be an introductory course with no topic covered in great depth.

**Optional Textbook:**

There is no required or recommended text for this course. Lecture notes will be provided in the form of Power Point notes. These notes are not to be the only source of information and cannot take the place of class attendance. For those seeking additional information, the following text may be useful:

Evans, J. W. 2001. Horses: A Guide to Selection, Care, and Enjoyment. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Henry Holt and Co., LLC, New York, NY.

**Grading:**

Exams (3)	450
Quizzes	100
<u>Education Flyer</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>600</b>

**Grading Scale:**

A = 540-600

B = 480-539

C = 420-479

D = 360-419

F = 359 and lower

**Exams (450):**

The exams (100 pts each) will cover material presented *in lecture*. Practicals (50 points each) will cover material presented in lab, and will include hands-on demonstrations. Exams and practicals will be given during regularly scheduled class times (**Feb 12/14, Mar 19/21, April 30/May 2**) and may be comprehensive. Exams will primarily consist of multiple choice and true/false, but may also contain fill in the blank and short answer questions. If you miss an exam or practical due to an authorized absence, you will have **1 week** from the original date of the exam to make up the missed exam, otherwise a grade of zero will be recorded. If you miss an exam due to an unauthorized absence, then a grade of zero will be automatically recorded. **SEE COURSE ATTENDANCE BELOW.**

**Quizzes (100):**

Quizzes will consist of multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, identification, and short answer questions. Quizzes will cover both lecture and lab material. If you miss a quiz due to an unauthorized absence, you will not be allowed to make-up that quiz, and a grade of zero will be recorded.

**Equine Educational Flyer (50):** Each student will prepare a flyer suitable for publication and distribution that can be used as a tool for educating horse enthusiasts about a topic covered in class. The flyer should be easy to read and understand, have quality and relevant graphics, consist of only one 8 ½ by 11 sheet of paper, and contain verbiage that is concise, pertinent, and to the point. A hard copy of the flyer must be handed in during class on **Monday, April 23<sup>th</sup>**.

**Attire:**

Students must wear closed toe shoes and pants (NO SHORTS) to interact with horses in the lab section. Students wearing inappropriate clothing will only be allowed to observe lab and will have no access to horses for hands-on practice. Students will not be allowed to practice material missed due to inappropriate clothing in a later lab.

**Email Etiquette and Professionalism:**

As part of your collegial experience, it is important that faculty members promote professionalism as you transition into your career. Therefore, in order to receive a reply from the instructor, the email is required to be in the following format:

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Salutation

Inquiry (Complete sentences; correct spelling)

Closing (Sincerely, Thank you, Regards, etc.)

Complete Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Expect the instructor to respond to emails between normal business hours (8-5 pm) only.**

### **Department of Agricultural Sciences Attendance Policy**

*Departmental attendance policy listed below will be strictly enforced.*

1. Regular and punctual attendance is expected of each student in the Department of Agricultural Sciences at Sam Houston State University.
2. Each faculty member will keep a written record of student attendance.
3. Excused absences must be documented by the student with a letter of confirmation from the sponsoring student organization, professor or doctor. Exemptions will include participation in departmental activities when prior approval is attained from the Department Chair.
4. No exams or assignments will be given at alternative times unless arrangements are made with the professor/instructor before the scheduled activity occurs.

### **Absences and Missed Work for this Course:**

1. **NO UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED.** Attendance will be taken in lecture.
2. There will be no make-up work allowed without an authorized absence. Any missed work or assignments must be completed with the discretion of the instructor within **1 week of absence**.
  - a. If you miss class due to an authorized absence, you must notify the instructor within **24 hours** (preferably *before*) and make up work must be completed within **1 week**. Any assignments missed due to an unauthorized absence results in a grade of **zero**. If extenuating circumstances occur, consult the instructor **immediately**.
3. Lecture attendance is **MANDATORY** (excused or un-excused) and is necessary for success.
4. DO NOT wait until the end of the semester to ask questions regarding graded materials or absences. You have **1 week** to complete missed assignments (**FROM THE DATE THE ASSIGNMENT WAS DUE**) and **1 week** to consult the instructor concerning incorrect grading or mathematical errors in graded work. No corrections will be made to graded work after 1 week of the work being handed out.

### **Academic Dishonesty (SHSU Academic Policy Statement 810213):**

All students are expected to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action. The University and its official representatives may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work which is to be submitted, plagiarism, collusion and the abuse of resource materials.

**Classroom Rules of Conduct (According to Section 5 of the Student Handbook):**

Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins. **Should a student get caught texting during lecture they will be asked to leave the classroom, if caught while taking a test, it will be considered cheating and the student will receive a zero (0) for that exam. A student must dismiss themselves from the classroom if they need to receive an incoming or make a call.**

Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with University policy.

**Visitors in the Classroom (According to the Faculty Handbook):**

Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

**Students with Disabilities:**

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individual shall, solely by reason of his/her handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic or Student Life program or activity. Disabled students may request assistance with academically related problems stemming from individual disabilities by contacting the Director of the Counseling Center in the Lee Drain Annex or by calling 936.294.1720.

**Religious Holidays:**

University policy states that a student who is absent from class for the observance of a religious holy day shall be permitted to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence. A student who wishes to be excused for a religious holy day must present the instructor with a written statement describing the holy day(s) and the travel involved. The instructor should provide the student with a written description of the deadline for the completion of missed exams and/or assignments.

**Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products:**

Sam Houston State University is a tobacco free campus and all tobacco products are prohibited in all buildings and outdoor public areas on campus.