

Introduction to Equestrian Studies

Course Overview

The goal of this course is to introduce students to the field of equine science and equestrian studies. Our intention is to provide students with a broad overview of the multifaceted complex field of equine science while at the same time, offering students with in depth coverage of topics that are central to the field.

Topics covered in this course include: Basic equine care, nutrition, and anatomy, hoof maintenance, grooming, tack, equestrians disciplines/sports/activities, and breeds.

Course Objectives

- Students will learn about the basics of equine care and maintenance as well as develop an understanding of the basic needs of the horse owner.
- Students will develop an understanding of the diverse disciplines and activities offered to equestrians in addition to the care and equipment required for participation.

Course at a Glance

Week 1	Introduction, overview, and history
Week 2	Basic care and upkeep
Week 3	Anatomy
Week 4	Grooming
Week 5	Health and veterinary care
Week 6	Nutrition and feeding
Week 7	Hoof care, maintenance, and farrier services
Week 8	Breeds (presentations)
Week 9	Western tack
Week 10	English tack
Week 11	Equestrian disciplines/sports/activities (presentations)
Week 12	Equestrian disciplines/sports/activities (presentations)