

A.A.S. Equine Studies

This two-year (60(61) credit) program is designed to give students a foundation in natural horsemanship and how to apply that knowledge in a practical manner to train working horses. Graduates will be prepared for a career in equine business and management, colt training, assistant trainer and facilities management, or allied industries such as feed, tack and equipment sales. The program is designed to give a broad base for any equine field. Internships are encouraged and will be available from all the different disciplines.

Upon completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate how to communicate effectively with their horse and train them to work with livestock.
- Start a colt from the ground up.
- Evaluate correct and incorrect information pertaining to the equine industry.
- Understand basic marketing concepts for a variety of horses.
- Demonstrate basic horse care and nutrition.
- Demonstrate how to control all the parts of a horse to give the horse a solid foundation to go into any discipline, such as reining, reined cow horse, cutting, versatile ranch horse, roping, and trail horses.

Only students admitted into the Equine A.A.S. program will have stable space (two stalls maximum) at the MCC facilities and are eligible to take the Equine A.A.S. EQUH courses.

Program course requirements are presented in sequence. Part-time students and others who cannot follow this sequence should check [Course Descriptions](#) to determine pre-requisites and should consult their advisor regarding the order in which to take courses. [General Education Elective Courses](#).

First Year Fall Semester	
EQUH 110 Western Equitation	3 credits
Oral Communication elective	3 credits
AGSC 101 Intro To Ag & Env Resources	1 credit
EQUH 155 Intro To Natural Horsemanship	3 credits
EQUH 101 Introduction To Equine Studies	3 credits
ANSC 100 Intro To Animal Science	3 credits
Total	16 credits
First Year Spring Semester	
EQUH 206 Equine Ethology	3 credits
EQUH 133 Horses at the Ground Level	2 credits
EQUH 252 Natural Horsemanship: Building a Relationship	3 credits
NRSM 236 Small Pasture Management	1 credit
EQUH 160 Equine Evaluation	1 credit
M 108 Business Math, or Mathematics elective	3 or 4 credits
Written Communication elective	3 credits
Total	16 or 17 credits
Second Year Fall Semester	
EQUH 254 Nat Horsemanship: Harmony With Your Horse I	3 credits
ANSC 265/266 Functional Anatomy Of Domestic Animals & Lab	3 and 1 credits

EQUH 253 Starting Colts	3 credits
EQUH 165 Livestock Handling & Ranch Roping	3 credits
Directed Elective	3 credits
Total	16 credits
Second Year Spring Semester	
EQUH 255 Natural Horsemanship: Harmony with Your Horse II	3 credits
EQUH 256 Developing The Young Horse	3 credits
ANSC 202 Livestock Feeding & Nutrition	3 credits
ACTG 101 Accounting Procedures I	3 credits
Total	12 credits
Program Total	60 or 61 credits

Directed Electives: BMKT 225 Marketing, MART 213 Photoshop and Illustrator, or Approved Elective