COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: EQSC 1104: Basic Horsemanship

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 2
2. Hours/Week: 1 lect, 1 lab or riding lesson – equivalent of 3 hrs/wk
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): EQSC 1100
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): EQSC 1100
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course introduces the student to the basics of horsemanship. This course allows students to learn the fundamentals of handling, grooming, tacking up and riding in both the English and the Western saddle. RECOMMENDED ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE: High school diploma or GED. Completion of or currently enrolled in EQSC 1100.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): May, 2009

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Introduction to the saddle horse
2. Tack, other equipment and their uses
3. Parts of the bridle and saddle
4. Catching a horse
5. Leading and tying a horse
6. Ground-handling techniques
7. Grooming
8. Saddling and bridling
9. Safety considerations while riding
10. Mounting/dismounting
11. Fundamentals of a correct position
12. Basics of control
13. Natural aids used to control the horse
14. The gaits of the horse
15. Emergency dismount and one-rein stop

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Identify basic tack and other pieces of equipment, and their uses.
2. Catch, lead, and tie a horse safely and correctly.
3. Groom a horse thoroughly.
4. Tack and untack a horse properly in both the Western and the English saddle.
5. Mount and dismount properly.
6. Perform an emergency dismount and one-rein stop.
7. Ride at the walk and trot without assistance.
8. Explain safety issues related with riding and how to avoid accidents.
9. Explain the fundamentals of a correct riding position.
10. Identify the gaits of a horse.
11. Identify the natural aids used when riding.

E. LEARNING OUTCOMES (MNTC): NA

F. METHODS FOR EVALUATION OF STUDENT LEARNING:
1. Reports, quizzes, tests
2. Practical demonstrations (ridden tests)
3. Oral discussion and question/answer sessions
4. Course assignments
5. Attendance
G. SPECIAL INFORMATION (if any):
Working with horses involves inherent risks which the student assumes while enrolled in the course. This course may require an additional activity fee. The course is conducted at the stable and the student will be expected to wear suitable riding attire and provide his/her own transportation.