COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: EQSC 1111: Western Horsemanship II

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
2. Hours/Week: 2 hours lecture plus 2 hours lab per week
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): EQSC 1110, or a riding placement test, or permission of the instructor
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course builds on skills developed in Western Horsemanship I. Students improve their position and control, refine their use of the aids, and focus on riding with collection. The focus is on increasing the rider’s balance, rhythm and “feel” at all three gaits. This class may include trail class exercises. RECOMMENDED ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE High school diploma or GED. Grade of C or better in EQSC 1110; or commensurate.

B. DATE LAST REVISED (Month, year): September, 2006

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Achieving quality gaits
2. Improving the aids, especially leg cues
3. Performing advanced figures and horsemanship patterns
4. Riding smoother transitions
5. Collecting and extending each gait
6. Working without stirrups
7. Improving seat, rhythm and timing
8. Appropriate use of artificial aids
9. Trail class obstacles and patterns

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Identify and use artificial aids appropriately.
2. Demonstrate effective use of natural aids—focus on timing of cues.
3. Demonstrate the lope with correct leads and simple changes.
4. Demonstrate collection and extension of all three gaits.
5. Ride without stirrups.
6. Demonstrate a quiet seat and hand.
7. Exhibit balance, rhythm and “feel” in the saddle.
8. Ride an advanced horsemanship pattern.
9. Negotiate trail class type obstacles.

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.