COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: EQSC 1112: Western Horsemanship III

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
2. Hours/Week: 2 hours lecture plus 2 hours lab per week
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): EQSC 1111, 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 II. Students learn more advanced pattern work and lateral movements. The focus is on developing a stronger, tighter position and more effective communication with the horse, to achieve a more empathetic, harmonious ride. The course may include an introduction to reining or working cow horse events. RECOMMENDED ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE High school diploma or GED. Grade of C or better in EQSC 1111; or commensurate level of riding.

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

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Controlling the shoulder/controlling the haunches
2. Advanced transitions
3. Lateral work: turn on the forehand, turn on haunches, leg-yield
4. Side-passing
5. Trot-overs and lope-overs
6. Flying lead changes
7. Riding the pleasure horse
8. Riding the reining horse
9. Riding the working cow horse

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Perform more difficult transitions, for ex. halt-lope.
2. Demonstrate a turn on the forehand and turn on the haunches.
3. Demonstrate leg-yielding.
4. Side-pass across a ground pole.
5. Lope serpentines and figure-eights doing flying lead changes.
6. Halt quietly and squarely from any gait.
7. Display more subtle use of hand, leg, and seat.
8. Explain cadence, rhythm and balance in terms of the gaits.
9. Identify particular issues in riding pleasure horses.
10. Understand the basics of reining.
11. Understand the basics of working cow horse events.

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.