COMMON COURSE OUTLINE: Course discipline/number/title: EQSC 1116: Hunt Seat Equitation II

A. CATALOG DESCRIPTION
1. Credits: 3
2. Hours/Week: 2 hours riding plus one hour lecture/week
3. Prerequisites (Course discipline/number): EQSC 1115, or permission of the instructor
4. Co-requisites (Course discipline/number): None
5. MnTC Goals (if any): NA

This course develops the skills learned in Hunt Seat Equitation I. Students improve their position and control, refine their use of the aids, and begin cantering work and riding on-contact. The focus is on increasing the rider’s balance, rhythm and “feel” at all three gaits. This class may utilize cavalettis and low jumps. Recommended Entry Skills/Knowledge: High school diploma or GED. Grade of C or better in EQSC 1115; or commensurate level of riding.

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

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:
1. Control and use of the aids
2. Developing an independent hand and riding on contact
3. Improving quality of the three gaits
4. More advanced figures and patterns
5. Smoother transitions between gaits
6. Work without stirrups
7. Correct leads
8. Simple lead changes
9. Sitting the trot quietly
10. Riding cavalettis at trot in both two-point and posting
11. Cross training for riders

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (GENERAL): The student will be able to:
1. Ride with an independent hand, using light contact.
2. Demonstrate more effective use and better timing of aids.
3. Canter on the correct lead.
4. Perform an equitation pattern.
5. Ride without stirrups at walk and trot.
6. Demonstrate a quiet seat at the sitting trot.
7. Canter a serpentine or figure-eight doing simple lead changes.
8. Negotiate a course of small jumps with control.
9. Exhibit improved balance, rhythm and “feel” in the saddle.

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.