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**Vision:** Transforming the future through innovative learning.

**Values:** We value learner success, integrity, respect, community, excellence and innovation.

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## ANIMAL SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY – EQUINE REQUIREMENTS

### I. Horse

You must provide your own horse for Year I of the program. The horse can be of any age from three (3) years and older. It must be sound to be used (no permanent lameness) and must be safe to ride at a walk, trot and lope. Experienced riders may be safe on a horse with 60 rides. Less experienced riders may want an aged horse with years' worth of riding. If your horse is deemed "unsafe" or "unsound" by instructors, you will be required to provide an alternate horse for classes. Any exceptions to these parameters must be approved by the riding instructors in Animal Science Technology – Equine Program.

Students should have enough experience riding to be able to lope without needing to hold onto the saddle horn. This is a "Learn to Train" program, therefore you must ride at a higher level than needed for riding lessons. Better balance and riding skills are required to train a horse than needed to stay on a gentle, older horse.

The following requirements must be met before admittance to the stable:

1. You must provide a veterinary certificate indicating that your horse is sound and in good physical condition.
2. Vaccinated for the following diseases two to four weeks before arrival (proof of purchase required):
  - a. Tetanus
  - b. Western Equine Encephalitis
  - c. Equine Influenza
  - d. Equine Rhino pneumonitis
  - e. Strangles
  - f. Coggins Test
3. Dewormed before arrival.

Follow-up vaccinations and deworming will be done throughout the year at the student's expense.

Students are responsible for maintaining adequate health care of their horse. This includes hoof and dental care.

### II. Tack and Supplies

You must provide the following:

- Helmets – student must wear helmets while starting colts and may not remove helmets unless given permission from their instructor. If a student wishes to continue to wear a helmet once the initial colt starting phase is completed, they are encouraged to do so. Wearing helmets is **mandatory for second-year students while riding College-owned colts**. Wearing helmets is suggested, but **optional for first-year students riding their personally owned horses**.
- Footwear – appropriate footwear must always be worn when riding (**slip-on, riding heels**). Instructors may accept or reject footwear and/or a combination of footwear and stirrup in the interest of keeping students safe while riding. Appropriate footwear must always be worn while handling or feeding animals (sandals are not acceptable).
- Roping/performance western saddle (roping saddle not required till January) – students will be required to rope and hold cattle during riding labs, therefore, a sufficient roping or all-around saddle that is strong enough to rope out of is required.
- Breast collar
- Snaffle bit/O-ring or D-ring\*
- Leverage bit
- Appropriate grooming equipment\*

- Extra gear as required – ropes, split reins, roping reins, etc. (split reins to start)
- Two buckets (feed and water)\*
- Lunge line
- Lunge whip
- Lariat rope
- Lariat rope with breakaway Hondo
- Horsemanship flag

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all tack fits appropriately and is in good repair, cinches must not be frayed or excessively dirty, back cinches clean and rear billets have enough holes to ensure that the rear cinch may be made tight for the purpose of roping and to prevent horses from getting a foot through during initial saddling. Keepers between front and back cinch must be in good repair (no baler twine). Stirrup hobbles (keepers) must be present on all fenders to prevent stirrup from flipping over. Reins must not be excessively worn, dry or cracked to prevent breakage. Students starting colts will be required to use a brow band headstall with adjustable throat latch. Split reins or mecates are acceptable.

Halters and shanks must be in good repair and appropriate for the function required during training. Halters used during training should be rope style and have little to no hardware which can break.

**Instructors reserve the right to approve or reject the use of bits based on function and ability level of horse and rider. Use of spurs is subject to instructor approval for the same reasons.**

Ropes, spurs, etc., can be purchased after consultation with instructors in September.

*\* Items students will need for the beginning of the school year.*

If you require clarification please contact Matt Rustemeier or Baylee Graham, Instructors.

### III. Stabling/Horse Board

The College will supply hay, bedding, and turnout pen for the horse you will be using in first-year Animal Science Technology – Equine. Animal Science Technology – Equine students will be charged a \$1000 per semester boarding fee in addition to their tuition for the program.

One space is allotted per student in the Animal Science Technology – Equine Program. A horse boarding application must be submitted for any additional horses you wish to bring. These may be stabled at the Rodeo Club Barn, depending on availability of stalls.

If you require information or clarification on any of the above, please contact Matt Rustemeier or Baylee Graham, Instructors:

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