

Horsemanship

Riding classes at UNH consist of two credit-bearing co-requisite courses, which must be taken simultaneously: ANSC 402 – Horsemanship Lab is a 1 credit, credit/fail class which is the actual riding time. All students enrolled in ANSC 402 must be simultaneously enrolled in either **ANSC 522 or ANSC 622**, which are graded 2- or 3-credit courses covering horsemanship theory.

- Horsemanship classes are taught every semester. Students receive 3 hours of mounted instruction each week, in addition to lecture and academic assignments.
- ALL students taking ANSC 402 MUST simultaneously enroll in ANSC 422, ANSC 522, or ANSC 622. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Lecture covers principles and theory of horsemanship, dressage, jumping and cross-country and includes homework, tests, and papers.
- Lab sections are divided by rider level. Most sections are dressage and jumping but a few are dressage only. May be repeated for credit.
- Students must be enrolled in ANSC 402 in order to try out for the equestrian teams.
- Priority for enrollment is given to equine majors.
- When appropriate, students are able to use school horses for on-site competitions and clinics.
- Lab fee of \$930.00 per semester. This fee covers horse care, feed, bedding, shoeing, etc.
- Thanks to generous donors who participated in the 603 Challenge, the UNH Equine Program has the ability to offer lab fee support to one student per semester. The intention of this award is to allow a student to enroll in ANSC 402 when they would otherwise be unable to participate in the course for financial reasons. All majors are welcome to apply. See below for details and a link to the application.
- Students are responsible for taking care of their horse before and after class. Students who do not already know how to do this will receive instruction in this area as part of class time. Students should allow 20-40 minutes before and after lab to be sure they have adequate time to appropriately care for their horse.
- Long pants and shoes or boots with a ½” heel (riding boots, hiking boots, work boots, etc.) are required. All students must wear ASTM/SEI approved safety helmets while mounted.

Course Descriptions:

ANSC 402 -- Horsemanship Lab For beginning, intermediate, and advanced riders. Lecture and lab (lesson) format. All levels will work on correct position for dressage and combined training with the integration of appropriate theory. All students are required to perform the following tasks independently: properly groom, tack and cool out their horses. Students should allow time before and after lab to do so. For the safety of horse and rider, there is a rider weight limit of 200 pounds for all mounted activities in the UNH Equine Program, including ANSC 402. There are other courses that provide students with opportunities for hands-on experience with horses. Students who exceed the weight limit for ANSC 402 are encouraged to contact Sarah Rigg at sarah.rigg@unh.edu to discuss other alternative courses. Special fee. May be repeated for a maximum of 15 credits. Lab. Prereq: permission.

ANSC 522 – Ethical Horsemanship – Considerations & Theory For riders of all levels who are enrolled in ANSC 402 for the first time AND for students wishing to learn the concepts of ethical horsemanship theory and practices without enrolling in horsemanship (riding) lab. Hybrid format, includes weekly face-to-face and online lectures/content with optional lab (ANSC 402). Use of an animal for purposes of sport and recreation is a privileged and optional activity, which is not

necessary to human survival as the horse's traditional roles once were. Ethical use of the animal in such a context requires thorough knowledge and analysis of the horse's physical and psychological traits, as well as critical evaluation of the rider's goals and techniques in relation to the animal's needs and well-being. Writing Intensive. Hybrid format includes required face-to-face and online content. Permission required.

ANSC 622 – Further Explorations in Horsemanship Theory For intermediate and advanced riders who have already completed ANSC 522. Online format, with required lab (ANSC 402) as a co-requisite. Students will use online content and independent study projects for in-depth explorations of more advanced topics related to the theory of dressage, jumping, and horsemanship, with particular attention to the application of correct theory to the individual rider's current skills, goals, and lab activities. May be repeated, with a different focus in subsequent semesters. Prereq: ANSC 522 and Permission.

Accommodations: Students needing assistance or reasonable accommodations, academic or otherwise, with any issue should let their instructor know in a timely fashion so that needs can be addressed and arrangements made as expediently as possible. Students who have a disability and feel they will need accommodations for any aspect of this course, including but not limited to mounting, riding (walk, trot, canter, jump, etc.) are asked to please contact DSS in a timely manner. The University is committed to providing students with documented disabilities equal access to all university programs and facilities. Any students who think they have a disability requiring accommodations must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Contact SAS at (603) 862-2607 or SAS.office@unh.edu.

Students who have been approved for accommodations via SAS are asked to please provide the course instructor with that information via: <https://clockwork.unh.edu/ClockWork/custom/misc/home.aspx>. After you have requested your Accommodation Letters be sent to your instructor, you are to meet with them privately, in the instructor's office, so that the instructor and student can review accommodations and develop a working agreement on how the accommodations will be implemented.

For safety, any student who may need an accommodation for horse-related or riding-related activities is asked to notify SAS and/or the program director **at or before** the time of registration. Please remember that this is a riding course. As a result, the following expectations are required of all students in ANSC 402: All students are responsible for performing the following tasks independently: properly getting their horse ready and putting their horse away. All students must be able to or must be able to learn to ride independently in an English saddle. All students must be able to or be able to learn to control the horse at the walk, trot and canter in a group environment. Please be aware that horses vary in size and temperament. The population of school horses changes periodically and as a result the ability to fulfill specific accommodations may vary from semester to semester.

Horseback riding and other horse-related activities may pose particular concerns for the safety of mother and child during pregnancy. Pregnant students are encouraged to discuss these concerns with their health care provider. Riding and horse-related activities may pose greater risk for individuals with certain medical conditions. Students with concerns should consult their health care provider.

Questions or concerns: Students with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the program director, Sarah Rigg at Sarah.Rigg@unh.edu.

Sign-up and Pre-registration Process:

In order to accommodate as many students as possible in as fair a manner as possible, a lottery is held to pre-register students for ANSC 402. **Sign-up and registration is a two-part ONLINE process and students must participate in both parts:**

- **Part 1: Priority Sign-up: Sign up by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, November 5th at**



or <https://forms.office.com/r/3gTPzhneEj>

Complete a brief survey to be added to the list of students interested in receiving permission for class for fall semester. The survey will identify your priority group for registration. Students who have never taken a riding class at UNH will also be asked to fill out a brief questionnaire regarding previous riding experience.

- **Part 2: Pre-registration: Thursday, November 16th, beginning at 12:40 p.m.**
Students who have filled out the form (see above) will be emailed with a Zoom link and given a specific time for their priority group. Times will begin at 5:40 p.m. and continue until all students are registered (approximately 8:00 p.m.) Students will be expected to check in on Zoom at the appointed time. Students will enter the Zoom waiting room and be admitted to Zoom in the order of their lottery number. Upon entering the Zoom meeting, students will select their lab and lecture sections. Students who are not present in the Zoom meeting room when their number is called will be skipped.
Students will be given permission for their lab and lecture in the Zoom meeting. Permission will be added into WebCat for each student. Students **MUST ADD BOTH** their lab and lecture sections to their fall class schedule during their registration window. **Please have an idea of your tentative class schedule for fall semester when you join Zoom.** There is no guarantee that you will be able to change into a different section after pre-registration takes place, so you should know when your required classes are for fall and select riding labs that will fit in with that schedule.

Applying for lab fee support:

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OR <https://forms.office.com/r/ge5whw1a1M>. The application should be submitted the semester before you would like to take ANSC 402, when you sign up to receive permission (see above). A panel of equine program faculty will review the applications and select the student to whom the award will go. Applications should be submitted no later than two weeks before

the date of ANSC 402 preregistration. Applicants will be informed of the panel's decision by the time ANSC 402 preregistration takes place.

Class times have changed! Please see courses.unh.edu for further updates. Class times for the coming semester will be as follows:

ANSC 402.L01: Flat & Fences 1, MWF 1:10-2:00
ANSC 402.L02: Flat & Fences 2, MWF 10:10-11:00
ANSC 402.L08: Flat & Fences 3, MW 2:10-3:30
ANSC 402.L04: Flat & Fences 2, TTh 11:10-12:30
ANSC 402.L09: Dressage 1, MWF 9:10-10:00
ANSC 402.L07: Dressage 2, TTh 9:40-11:10