



# ANSC 3310

## Groundwork Training

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**Office Hours:** By appointment – please email to schedule

**Lectures:** Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm RAS 135 and Horse Unit

**Course Description:** This is a hands-on course in which students develop basic ground handling skills with weanling horses. Proper signaling, pressure/release principles, body position and body language are used to teach the horse to respect individual space, accept bathing, grooming, foot care, leading, tying, and trailer loading.

#### Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

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Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate calm and confident handling of the young horse.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of ask-encourage-assert in training.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills when dealing with the troublesome horse.
4. Demonstrate pressure-release techniques and when it is time to follow through.
5. Produce a young horse that is calm, quiet, confident and that demonstrates a willingness to follow and adapt.

#### Animal Science Marketable Skills:

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- Knowledge of techniques and equipment for planting, growing, and harvesting food products (both plant and animal) for consumption, including storage/handling techniques.
- Knowledge of plant and animal organisms, their tissues, cells, functions, interdependencies, and interactions with each other and the environment.
- Understanding the implications of new information for both current and future problem solving and decision-making.
- Using logic and reasoning to identify the strengths and weaknesses of alternative solutions, conclusions or approaches to problems.
- Identifying complex problems and reviewing related information to develop and evaluate options and implement solutions. Communicating finding in both oral and written form at a level appropriate for the needs of the audience.

#### Animal Science Learning Outcomes (ASLO):

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- Demonstrate the basic skills of interpreting research data gathered in an agricultural context.
- Apply critical thinking skills to mitigate potential challenges in diverse animal sciences and related agricultural industries.
- Demonstrate the ability to communicate through written, spoken, and graphical methods.

#### Accommodations:

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Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Alpine students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mary Schwartze Grisham, M.Ed., LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Coordinator at 432-837-8203 (please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email

mschwartz@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall (Suite 112), and our mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas, 79832.

### Academic Integrity:

The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is beyond reproach and to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of their classroom. The University may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating on an examination or other academic work, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. For more information visit: <https://www.sulross.edu/catalog/undergraduate-academic-regulations/>

### SRSU Library Services:

The Sul Ross Library - Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, [library.sulross.edu](http://library.sulross.edu). Off-campus access requires logging in with your LoboID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email ([srsulibrary@sulross.edu](mailto:srsulibrary@sulross.edu)), or phone (432-837-8123).

### Attendance and Dressing:

Students MUST arrive promptly to class. If over 15 minutes late to class, then student will be considered absent for that day. Documentation of approved absences (personal illness, family emergency etc.) must be presented within 5 days for arrangements to be made to make-up quizzes and assignments. University approved absences for sports and student organizations must be disclosed at least two weeks in advance. Unexcused late assignments will be penalized 25% for the first 24 hours beyond the due date, 50% for 24-48hrs late and will not be accepted thereafter.

Students MUST BE wearing appropriate dress and behave in manner that is respectful. Please avoid the use of cell phones. Appropriate attire is long pants, short/long sleeve shirt, closed toed shoes - preferably made of leather and no dangling jewelry or long nails (for the risk of injuring the student).

Much of the ability to hold class and safe operation of outdoor activities is weather dependent. Important course information and cancellations will be distributed to students using email and/or Blackboard Notifications. Any cancellation will be sent with at least 20 mins notice.

### Assessments & Grading:

- Attendance: 10 points per day = 130 points total
- Final Exam (Practicum) = 370 points
- Total = 500 points

Students will be evaluated for attentiveness, interest and quality of performed task according to the respective topic covered. For additional information on current Sul Ross State University policies for assigning grade points, please refer to <https://www.sulross.edu/registrar/catalog-and-policies/>

Percentage	Letter Grade	Meaning	Points
90% - 100%	A	Excellent	4
80% - 89%	B	Good	3
70% - 79%	C	Average	2
60% - 69%	D	Poor	1
Below 60%	F	Failure	0

### Important Dates to Remember:

- January 18 - Classes begin
- March 29, Wednesday Last day to drop 2nd 8-week course without creating an academic record
- April 24, Monday Last day for students enrolled in 2nd 8-week courses to drop a course and receive a 'W'.
- May 12, 15-17 Fri, Mon-Wed → Final Examinations

**Course Schedule (subject to adjustments)**

Week	Dates	Tuesday	Thursday
1	3/23	—————	Intro and Haltering
2	3/28-30	Halter Desensitizing and Turning	Following
3	4/4-6	Backing Up	Picking Feet and Bathing
4	4/11-13	Lunging and Voice Commands	Lunging and Voice Commands
5	4/18-20	Day to Day Desensitizing	Day to Day Desensitizing
6	4/25-27	Trailer Loading	Obstacle Course
7	5/2-4	Novel Objects	Novel Objects and Obstacle Course
8	5/9-11	<b>FINAL EXAM Practicum – Handling Course</b>	<b>DEAD DAY</b>
9	5/15-17	No Exam	

Extra resources for this class will be provided through Blackboard. Please check your Blackboard. It is the student's responsibility to stay up to date on the material.

