



EQUESTRIAN STUDIES

WESTERN RIDING / TRAINING



University of Findlay

Program Overview

The Western Equestrian Studies Program at the University of Findlay prepares students for a successful career in the equine industry. Students complete five days of assigned riding time each week as well as lecture-based equine courses instructed by professional trainers and judges. Students also have the opportunity to work with privately owned horses and more than 130 university owned horses located in the barns surrounding the Dale Wilkinson Arena. Our state-of-the-art facilities feature a large outdoor arena and three indoor riding arenas that also accommodate round pens, cutting and trail courses. Findlay alumni work in training, barn management, equine breeding, and equine marketing, as well as many more areas in the industry.

From starting unbroke horses to practicing with skilled competitive horses, UF students have the opportunity to become involved with hands-on learning daily. Training horses for riding, performance, showing, or even assisting persons with

disabilities through therapy, are all possible options students can explore in their Equestrian Studies program.

University of Findlay students may choose to further their skills by participating in the Intercollegiate Horse Showing Association (IHSA) team or the Ranch Horse team. Our IHSA team holds seven national championships. The University of Findlay is one of the only western riding programs in the United States that has cattle on-site for cutting.

Program Highlights

Learn from the Best - Collectively, Findlay's western instructors hold a combined total of over 200 years in horse training with over 100 major event wins.

"Send Your Horse to College" - This program give students the opportunity to train horses that are privately owned ranging from unbroke to finished show horses, providing excellent experience in working and communicating with clients.

WHY EQUESTRIAN STUDIES?

UF's Equestrian Studies program with an emphasis in Western Riding and Training equips students to train and exhibit horses for show and competition while learning valuable hands-on business and industry norms under the direction of UF's accomplished equestrian instructors.

ABOUT OUR FACULTY

University of Findlay's College of Sciences (COS) faculty fosters a dynamic environment for learning, collaboration, and leadership with accomplished equestrian instructors and opportunities for students to learn in state-of-the-art facilities combined with out-of-the-classroom experiences.

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student-to-faculty ratio ensures individual attention

20

hours of in-class hands-on experience weekly

RECENT GRADS WERE HIRED AT COMPANIES LIKE THESE:



SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Equestrian Studies Core

(Applies to AA, BS - Western & English)		Principles of Equine Nutrition OR	
Introduction to Equine Science OR		Principles of Food Animal Nutrition	3 hrs
Introduction to Animal Science	3 hrs	Physiology of Equine Reproduction OR	
Equine Selection/Judging - English Riding OR		Physiology of Reproduction and Growth	3 hrs
Equine Selection/Judging - Western Riding	3 hrs	Senior Seminar in Equine Science	1 hr

Western Riding/Training Emphasis - Bachelor of Science

Fundamentals of Horse Handling & Training	3 hrs	Advanced Horse Training I	3 hrs
Introduction to General Horse Training	3 hrs	Advanced Horse Training II	3 hrs
Basic Colt Training	3 hrs	Advanced Horse Training III	3 hrs
Colt Training II	3 hrs	Advanced Horse Training IV*	3 hrs

Western Riding/Training Emphasis - Associate of Arts

Fundamentals of Horse Handling & Training	3 hrs	Basic Colt Training	3 hrs
Introduction to General Horse Training	3 hrs	Colt Training II	3 hrs

Complete 12 hours from the following - applies to BS - English & Western

Introduction to Therapeutic Riding	3 hrs	Advanced Topics in Equine Science	3 hrs
Software Applications in Equine		Principles of Animal Breeding & Genetics	3 hrs
Business Management	3 hrs	Meat Animal Evaluation	3 hrs
Introduction to Leadership in Equine Studies	3 hrs	Forage & Crop Production	3 hrs
Equine Preventive Medicine	3 hrs	Small Animal Medicine	3 hrs
Farm & Stable Management	3 hrs	Food Animal Medicine	3 hrs
Equine Exercise Physiology	3 hrs	Beef Production & Management	2 hrs
Equine Marketing	3 hrs	Dairy Production & Management	2 hrs
Professional Horse Show Practicum	3 hrs	Sheep Production & Management	2 hrs
Teaching Basic Training & Equitation Skills I	3 hrs	Swine Production & Management	2 hrs
Advanced Equine Reproduction	3 hrs	Advanced Animal Reproduction	3 hrs
Teaching Basic Training & Equitation Skills II	3 hrs	Advanced Animal Nutrition	3 hrs
Advanced Equine Nutrition	3 hrs	Internship - Equine* OR	
Advanced Reproduction Techniques	2 hrs	Internship - Animal Science*	1-6 hrs
Farm Equipment Management	3 hrs	Advanced Topics in Equine Science OR	
Equine Law	3 hrs	Advanced Topics in Animal Science	1-6 hrs



"Proven results in the horse industry."

"I chose the University of Findlay on its proven results in the horse industry, as well as excellence in academics. My personal experience at UF have proven that reputation to be true. I have been pushed out of my comfort zone into a greater confidence that has prepared me for a successful future."

– Faith Borbonus

"An amazing opportunity to follow my passion."

"The equestrian program at UF has provided an amazing opportunity to follow my passion and learn from industry professionals in many aspects of the field. From starting horses under saddle, to learning to pilot a broke horse through the show pen, I have gained incredible experience with many high caliber horses at every stage of their training. Ultimately I believe the UF equestrian program has provided me with invaluable experience, many connections to professionals in the field, and prepared me to enter the industry as a more well rounded individual."

– Brendan Feyl

