



Equestrian Science Minor
Provided by Stephens College for
University of Missouri – Columbia Students



Background:

The Equestrian Science Minor is offered through a partnership with Stephens College. Founded in 1925, this is one of the nation's oldest and best-known college equestrian programs. In addition to courses at Stephens College, students in this program have the options of competing in local and national horse shows and clinics. This program is geared toward those who want to become a horse trainer, rider, teacher, equine event planner, horse show or stable manager, urban planners at trails and stable sites, therapeutic riding teachers, and judges and clinicians.

Required Courses:

- 3 riding courses (6 hrs total)
 - Choose from hunt seat, saddle seat, western, dressage, and driving.
- Equine Mgmt I (3 hrs – EQS 130) – Fall Semester Only
 - Designed to introduce students to the horse and its basic care. Subject matter includes breeds; conformation; diseases; parasites; lameness and treatment; daily care and management; general terminology; and first aid for the horse.
- Equine Mgmt II (3 hrs – EQS 135)
 - If you have taken Horse Production (AS 4977) at MU you are exempt, but you must choose another senior level elective to fulfill these hours. These include:
 - ✓ Equine Feeding & Nutrition (3 hrs – EQS 301)
 - ✓ Intro. to Therapeutic Riding (3 hrs – EQS 330)
 - ✓ Equine Anatomy & Mechanics in Motion (3 hrs – EQS 340)
 - ✓ Stewarding & Judging (3 hrs – EQS 401)
 - ✓ Equestrian Business Mgmt (3 hrs – EMB 496)
- Stable Mgmt (3 hrs – EQS 310)
 - This course will provide the hands-on experience in the everyday operation of a stable. Topics covered will be: horse facilities; equipment; tractors; truck and trailer; loading and hauling horses; ordering supplies; preparation for horse shows; fencing and pasture management; and managing the stalled horse.
- Horse Keeper (3 hrs – EQS 410)
 - This course is designed to allow students to gain experience in the day to day care and maintenance of horses. Students will learn to manage their time and gain self confidence while managing a string of horses and utilizing previous coursework in the day to day care of each horse. This is an intensive course, with students expected to spend 2-3 hours a day at the stables.

Course Catalog: <http://www.stephens.edu/academics/registrar/catalog>
Course Schedule: <http://www.stephens.edu/academics/registrar/schedule>

What You Need to Know:

- Because of the number of available horses, enrollment in this program is limited. Preference is given to MU Animal Science majors, but all majors are encouraged to apply. E-mail or visit Marci J. Crosby, Equine Instructor in the MU Division of Animal Science, for application.
- To qualify for this program a student must be in good academic standing and enrolled full-time as an undergraduate at the University of Missouri.
- Course hours will count toward your hours of enrollment at the University of Missouri; however grades for course taken at Stephens College will not be calculated in your official GPA. (Note that for admission applications to the MU College of Veterinary Medicine, grade point averages are recalculated to include MU and transfer work. This does not alter the GPA for any other purposes.)
- When should I apply?
 - You should fill out an application the semester before you would like to start enrolling in EQS courses.
- When should you start take courses?
 - Riding courses should begin the spring semester of your freshman year.
 - EQS course work should begin the fall semester of your sophomore year.
- Educational fees for credit hours are paid directly through the University of Missouri.
- For riding courses, an additional \$750 horse fee is added to your University of Missouri account. An additional \$250.00 fee is added for equine therapeutic riding courses.
- Because of slight variations in registration times between the University of Missouri and Stephens College, the dates below have been set for registration for EQS classes in this partnership.

How to Register:

- Apply for the Equestrian Science Minor program. Applications are available through Marci J. Crosby Equine Instructor in the MU Division of Animal Science, crosbym@missouri.edu, 884-7836, S103 ASRC. Applications are due by:
 - For Spring 2010: October 12th, 2009
 - For Fall 2010: March 15th, 2010
 - For Spring 2011: October 12th, 2010
- Once accepted into the program, you will be contacted and provided with the course schedule for all equestrian courses at Stephens. (This date will vary depending on when schedules are posted for Stephens.)
- Send your course request to Marci J. Crosby via e-mail. This is due by:
 - For Fall 2009: April 15th, 2009
 - For Spring 2010: November 12th, 2009
 - For Fall 2010: April 15th, 2010
 - For Spring 2011: November 12th, 2010
- Once course placement is confirmed, you may pick up your MMACU form directly from Marci J. Crosby.
 1. Gather signatures on the MMACU form from your advisor and Dean of Academic Programs.
 2. Return MMACU form to Marci J. Crosby who will forward your forms to the appropriate personnel (first the MU Registrar, then the SC Registrar, then back to MU Registrar).