

ASCI 1121 Introductory Equitation

Information Sheet

Purpose:

This is a learn-by-doing class. Students will learn through a combination of reading, hearing, and hands-on demonstrations, but primarily they will actively participate with the horses. As a student in this class, you will:

- Demonstrate safe equine handling techniques
- Identify appropriate equine management, including grooming, veterinary care, nutrition, selection of equipment and stabling
- Practice beginning level riding horsemanship and behavior modification skills

When:

Each class section meets twice weekly throughout the semester.

Preregistration:

- Sign up here [ASCI 1121 Introductory Equitation Interest List – Fill out form](#)

Enrollment:

- Enrollment is offered **on a first-come, first-served basis**
- Prior to registration opening for your selected semester, we will contact all students on that semester's interest list
- At that time, students will be notified of the opportunity and to bring the **\$550 payment** (cash or check payable to Cal Poly Partners) to the Animal Science Office *building 10, room 141*
- Once the \$550 payment is received, a **permission code** will be issued for course registration

Note: Please do not pay and use the permission number to enroll unless you plan to stay enrolled in the course. (Your fee may be non-refundable if we cannot fill your space.)

Where:

The activities will be held at the Cal Poly Equine Center, building 32. The first class will meet in the Cal Poly Equine Center classroom, located at building 32M in the stallion barn near the entrance. We will utilize pastures, stalls, arenas, and trails.

Horses:

Each student will lease a Cal Poly horse for the semester. The horse lease fee covers the expense of keeping these gentle horses (feeding, health care, shoeing, and stabling).

Equipment Provided:

Cal Poly will provide bridles, western saddles, pads, and basic grooming equipment with the horses for your use. You will learn to and be expected to care for this borrowed equipment. If you have a saddle of your own you wish to use, it must fit the horse you are assigned and be approved by the instructors.

Equipment to Bring:

The following equipment must be brought to each class. Below are suggestions of where to buy these items if needed.

- 1) Long pants, riding boots with a low heel (boots must be pull-on. No rubber or lace-up boots allowed), and a well-fitting ASTM-approved riding helmet. Gloves and a raincoat are optional.
- 2) Long hair must be pulled back.

Suggested Suppliers:

Helmets cost about \$60 but go as high as \$200+. Be sure the helmet fits so that it does not move around on your head when you nod your head in a “yes-no” fashion. Ask a salesperson to help you if in doubt. Boots run about the same. Online stores are less expensive, but the disadvantages are you cannot try the items on first, and you will have to plan ahead to allow for shipping time.

Online:

www.doversaddlery.com

www.statelinetack.com

www.amazon.com

Locally:

Farm Supply

224 Tank Farm Rd
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 543-3751

Riding Warehouse

181 Suburban Rd
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

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