

# T.E.S. Horsemastership Program

## What is it?

The T.E.S. Horsemastership Program is designed to provide the riding student with a well-rounded education in horsemanship. It includes both riding instruction and theory lectures based on an orderly progression of levels from Introduction to Advanced. Students graduate from one level to the next when they complete the requirements of each level.

## How does it work?

Each level has two sections: riding lessons and theory lectures. To complete a level, students must pass a riding skills test required for that level and a written test covering material presented in both the riding class and the required lectures. They must be able to perform all of the required riding - skills and obtain a passing score (80%) on the written test to graduate. Written tests may be re-taken, if necessary, until passed. Graduates will receive both a certificate of completion and a colored patch for their jacket.

Once students enroll in the program, they may purchase the navy Horsemastership jacket from T.E.S., which includes the T.E.S. logo with their first name embroidered on the front. Each level has a designated color and a corresponding color ribbon, which can be attached to the jacket epaulet to indicate the levels students have achieved.

If students enter the program below Novice Level, they must decide which riding discipline (e.g., Dressage, Hunt Seat, Western, or Eventing) to pursue when they reach Novice Level. Once they have graduated from the Novice Level, they will receive a patch depicting their chosen discipline to sew on their jacket.

Students who enter the program at levels higher than Introduction to Riding must complete the requirements (both riding and written tests) of the lower levels to begin working at their present level. Students may take the lower level written tests without taking the required lectures if they feel they already know the material. If they do not pass (80%), they must take the required lectures and re-take written test until they pass.

## What are the levels?

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| <b>Red</b>    | <b><u>Intro Level English or Western</u></b><br>Required Lectures: 100, 102, and 104   |
| <b>White</b>  | <b><u>Beginning Level English or Western</u></b><br>Required Lectures: 101, 103, and 105   |
| <b>Blue</b>   | <b><u>Adv. Beginning Level English or Western</u></b><br>Required Lectures: 106, 200, and 201  |
| <b>Yellow</b> | <b><u>Novice Level</u></b><br>Required Lectures:<br>Hunt Seat     202, 203, and 205<br>Western        202, 203, and 207<br>Dressage       202, 203, and 204<br>Eventing        202, 203, and 206   |
| <b>Green</b>  | <b><u>Training Level</u></b><br>Required Lectures:<br>Hunt Seat     300, 302, and 303<br>Western        300, 302, and 305<br>Dressage       300, 302, and 304<br>Eventing        306, 307, and 308 |
| <b>Silver</b> | <b><u>Intermediate Level</u></b><br>Required Lectures:<br>Hunt Seat     301 and 309<br>Western        301<br>Dressage       301<br>Eventing        300, 301, and 302                               |
| <b>Gold</b>   | <b><u>Advanced Level</u></b><br>Required Lectures:<br>Hunt Seat     TBA<br>Western        TBA<br>Dressage       TBA<br>Eventing        TBA   |

## How to Enroll

Student may sign-up in the T.E.S. School office. They will receive a Requirement Check List for the level they are pursuing. Each riding skill requirement they complete must be initialed and then signed off by their instructor when the riding section is completed. The lecture requirements must be signed off by the lecture instructor. When all requirements are completed, students can take the riding and written tests. Tests will be offered at the end of each lecture series semester.

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| 100—Fundamental of Grooming and Tacking  | 300—Stable Management              |
| 101—Type of Riding                       | 301—Farrier Science                |
| 102—Colors, Markings, and Breeds         | 302—Basic First Aid                |
| 103—Origins and Evolution of the Horse   | 303—Hunter Show Ring Competition I |
| 104—Riding Attire                        | 304—Dressage Show Competition I    |
| 105—Equine Psychology                    | 305—Western Show Competition I     |
| 106—Basic Riding Theory                  | 306—Eventing Competition I         |
|  | 307—Grooming for Eventing: Lecture |
| 200—Extended Tack and Special Equipment  | 308—Grooming for Eventing: Lab     |
| 201—Extended Grooming                    | 309—Introduction to Hunter Courses |
| 202—Equine Anatomy                       |                                    |
| 203—Horse Ownership                      |                                    |
| 204—Introduction to Dressage             |                                    |
| 205—Introduction to Jumping              |                                    |
| 206—Introduction to Eventing             |                                    |
| 207—Introduction to Western Horsemanship |                                    |
| 208—Introduction to Saddle Seat          |                                    |
| 209—Introduction to Vaulting             |                                    |

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## Class Descriptions

- 100 Fundamentals of Grooming and Tacking**  
Students with little or no grooming or tacking experience will be introduced to the proper equipment and techniques used in grooming and tacking a horse as well as basic safety and ground rules when working around horses. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 101 Types of Riding**  
This course will introduce students to the major styles of riding offered in the United States. It will provide an in-depth view of Western, Hunt Seat, Eventing, and Dressage by defining, analyzing, and comparing each style.
- 102 Colors, Markings, and Breeds**  
This course will review the different colors and markings used in the identification of horses as well as a discussion of the major breeds and their unique characteristics.
- 103 Origins and Evolution of the Horse**  
Students will study the major developments of the horse from Eohippus to Equus and review both physical and social changes of the horse over time.
- 104 Riding Attire**  
For beginning students who get lost in the tack shop, this course will review proper riding attire and its purpose, with an emphasis on distinguishing between absolute necessities and frills.

- 105 Equine Psychology**  
Students will review the many different behaviors of the horse—how to analyze behavior and respond to it correctly and safely.
- 106 Basic Riding Theory**  
(Prerequisite: Student must riding in Adv. Beginning level English classes)  
This class will cover the theory behind basic aids and position. Topics will include rein aids and basic school movements.
- 200 Extended Tack and Special Equipment**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 100)  
For students who would like a more in-depth study of tack and equipment, this course will review corrective saddle and bridle accessories, bits and equipment care. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 201 Extended Grooming**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 100)  
Students will gain first-hand experience of advanced grooming techniques, including clipping, trimming, bathing, mane pulling, and braiding. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 202 Equine Anatomy**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 102)  
This course provides an in-depth study of the anatomy and physiology of the horse—the points, the skeleton, the teeth, and main organs and muscles of the horse.
- 203 Horse Ownership**  
(Prerequisites: HLS 101, 102, 105 and must be riding in an Adv. Beginning English class or higher)  
This course is designed for the student who is interested in buying a horse and doesn't know where to begin. Topics will include choosing the right horse, costs involved in buying and owning, where to look for a horse, and basic responsibilities of owning a horse.
- 204 Introduction to Dressage**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 101 and must be riding in an Adv. Beginning English class or higher)  
Students who are ready to move on to a Novice Dressage class will discuss the definition and history of Dressage and the terminology used in a Dressage class.
- 205 Introduction to Jumping**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 101 and must be riding in an Adv. Beginning English class or higher)  
For students who are ready to move on to a Novice Hunt Seat or Novice Eventing class, topics will include the definition of Hunt Seat and the terminology used in a Hunt Seat or Eventing classes.
- 206 Introduction to Eventing**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 101 and must be riding in an Adv. Beginning English class or higher)  
This course will cover the history and evolution of Eventing, terminology, governing organizations, - explanation of each phase (dressage, endurance, and stadium) and types of competitions. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 207 Introduction to Western Horsemanship**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 101 and must be riding in an Adv. Beginning Western class or higher)  
This course will cover all facets of Western Horsemanship, including Barrel Racing, Equitation, Cutting, and Reining.

- 208 Introduction to Saddle Seat Equitation**  
 (Prerequisite: HLS 101 and must be riding in an Adv. Beginning English class or higher)  
 Students will be introduced to the basics of Saddle Seat riding—the differences between Hunt Seat and Saddle Seat, basics of Saddle Seat Equitation, and the origins of this style of riding. Demonstrations will be included as well as an explanation of the myths about training tools.
- 209 Introduction to Vaulting**  
 (Prerequisite: none)  
 This course is designed to introduce students to the team sport of vaulting—its exercise, its purpose, and its origin—through lecture and demonstration.
- 300 Stable Management**  
 (Prerequisites: HLS 105 and 200)  
 Students will be introduced to the basic care of horses, including feeding schedules, exercise programs, preventive treatment, common equine problems, and stable maintenance. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 301 Farrier Science**  
 (Prerequisite: HLS 202)  
 This course is designed to acquaint the student with the science and art of horse shoeing. Topics will include the anatomy of the foot, hoof troubles, the farrier, and faults of gaits and conformation.
- 302 Basic First Aid**  
 (Prerequisite: HLS 202)  
 This course will cover basic First Aid for horses and general horse care. Topics will include what to do until the veterinarian arrives, preventive health care and vaccination and worming programs. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 303 Hunter Show Ring Competition I**  
 (Prerequisites: HLS 200, 201, and 205)  
 For students with little or no Hunter/Jumper show ring experience, this course will discuss the proper procedures used in a show ring. Topics will include understanding the prize list, and presenting a well-turned out horse and rider.
- 304 Dressage Show Competition I**  
 (Prerequisites: HLS 200, 201, and 204)  
 This course is designed for students with little or no dressage show experience. Topics will include the two aspects of dressage (training and showing); choosing, analyzing and memorizing the test; show etiquette, dress, rules and personnel; filling out entry forms; what to do on the day of the show; how to interpret your score sheet; and strategies for riding the tests.
- 305 Western Show Competition I**  
 (Prerequisites: HLS 200, 201, 207)  
 This course is designed for students with either very little or no Western show ring experience. Students will discuss the proper procedures used in a Western show ring, how to understand the prize list and how to present a well-turned-out horse and rider at a show.
- 306 Eventing Competition I**  
 (Prerequisites: HLS 200, 201, 206)  
 This course is designed for the student with little or no Eventing experience. Topics will include understanding the omnibus or prize list, rules and strategies for riding each phase (dressage, endurance, and stadium), and levels of competition. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)

- 307 Grooming for Eventing: Lecture**  
(Prerequisites: HLS 200, 201, 206)  
This course will cover the basic clothes, tack and equipment needed to compete in horse trials and the rules governing their use as well as horse care procedures before, during and after the competition. Topics include show barn management, show grooming, braiding, clipping and trimming, various leg wraps and poltices, mud knots, and trailering preparation and loading. Designed for students interested in competing and/or grooming at horse trials, but open to all students interested in these topics. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 308 Grooming for Eventing: Lab Sessions**  
(Prerequisites: HLS 200, 201, 206, 307)  
Students will schedule small group or private lab sessions with the T.E.S. Combined Training Club's Head Groom or designated TESCTC instructor. Seven different lab session will be offered: braiding, wrapping, grooming, show care, tack care, stable management and medical care. Students must attend the HLS 307 lecture before they can schedule lab sessions. (TESCTC Event Groom Certificate program required course.)
- 309 Riding Hunter Courses**  
(Prerequisite: HLS 205)  
This class will review how to analyze a course and discuss different types of jumps.