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**Subject:** Proposal to revise the Equine Science Minor  
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Alvaro and Jeanne:

The proposal from the Department of Animal Sciences to revise the Equine Science Minor was approved by the Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on March 4, 2026. Thank you for attending the meeting to respond to questions/comments.

No additional level of internal review/approval is necessary. This action will be included in the Council's next Annual Activities Report to the University Senate (July 2026).

The Office of the University Registrar will work you with any implementation issues.

Please keep a copy of this message for your file on the proposal and I will do the same for the file in the Office of Academic Affairs.

If you have any questions please contact the Chair of the Council, Professor Sue Sutherland (.43), or me.

Randy



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**Subject:** Requesting CAA Approval for revision to the Equine Science Minor  
**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2025 10:23:47 AM  
**Attachments:** [Equine Science Minor \(Eff AU26\).pdf](#)  
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Dear Dr. Smith,

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences is requesting Council on Academic Affairs approval for revision to the current Equine Science Minor as summarized below and outlined in the attached proposal.

The proposed changes to the Equine Science minor include a reduction in the required credit hours to complete the minor from 15 to 12, and removal of a course that has not been offered (ANIMSCI 2401) from the list of elective options. Current students will not be affected by these changes, and any impacts will be managed by petition.

This proposal has been approved by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Department of Animal Sciences and the CFAES Committee on Academic Affairs. Please let me know if any additional information is needed in support of this request.

Sincerely,

Jeanne



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*'Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change'* (Bob Kerrey)



November 26, 2025

TO: COAA

FROM: Department of Animal Sciences - Academic Affairs Committee

RE: Equine Science Minor

The Academic Affairs Committee made some revisions to the Equine Science Minor in the Department of Animal Sciences during recent months which were presented to the faculty for revision and feedback. On Monday, November 10, the faculty in the Department of Animal Sciences approved the changes. You will find attached the original structure, original with marked changes, and new revised minor. The changes are described below:

- Reduced the number of hours required from 15 to 12.
- Removed ANIMSCI 2401 from the list of elective courses because this course has not been offered in the last 2-3 years and it will not be offered in the near future

There will not be any negative impacts on current students enrolled in the minors. The changes proposed should make it more accommodating for students to complete.

Let me know if you have any questions about the changes or the content of the minor.

**Alvaro García Guerra, DVM, MSc, PhD, DACT**

Associate Professor  
Chair, Academic Affairs Committee  
**The Ohio State University**

The minor provides students with the ability to gain knowledge in the equine industry. The course work will provide the following:

1. An understanding of the scope of the equine industry and its economic value to society.
2. An understanding of the biological principles involved in the nutrition and production of equine animals.
3. Insight into equine behavior and the ability to humanely manage equine animals for human benefit as well as for the animal's well-being.
4. The ability to apply knowledge gained to solve problems and to integrate solutions to attain successful equine production management.

The Equine Science minor consists of 15 hours selected as follows:

<b>Required Courses: 7-8 hours</b>			<b>Credit Hours</b>
ANIMSCI	2221	Introduction to Equine Studies	3
<b>and one of the following options:</b>			
<b>Option 1:</b>			
ANIMSCI	3131	Equine Feeds and Feeding	3
and ANIMSCI	3171	Equine Health and Diseases	2
<b>Option 2:</b>			
ANIMSCI	4001	Equine Production	4

**Electives: Select courses to meet the minimum of 15 credit hours in the minor**

ANIMSCI	2301 or 2401	Equine Behavior and Training or Advanced Equine Behavior and Training <sup>1</sup>	3
ANIMSCI	2400.01	Equine Studies in Europe <sup>2</sup>	1
ANIMSCI	3101	Equine Facilities, Marketing and Management	3
ANIMSCI	3131	Equine Feeds and Feeding ( <i>if not taken above</i> )	3
ANIMSCI	3171	Equine Health and Diseases ( <i>if not taken above</i> )	2
ANIMSCI	3301	Equine Selection and Evaluation	2
ANIMSCI	3400	Management Intensive Grazing	2
ANIMSCI	3797.01	Equine Studies in Europe (Travel Abroad) <sup>2</sup>	3
ANIMSCI	5551	Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies	2

<sup>1</sup>A maximum of 3 credits between ANIMSCI 2301 and 2401 may count in the Equine minor.

<sup>2</sup>Courses must be taken concurrently

**Restrictions and General Information**

1. This minor is not available to students majoring in Animal Sciences. It may be an option as a second minor for Animal Biosciences and Animal Industries specialization.
2. A minor should be declared by the time a student accumulates 60 hours.
3. A minimum 2.00 cumulative point-hour ratio is required in the minor course work; and a minimum grade of a C- is required for each course used to complete the minor.
4. A student is permitted to overlap up to 6 credit hours between the GE and the minor.
5. The minor must contain a minimum of 12 credit hours distinct from the major and/or additional minors (i.e. if a minor requires more than 12 credit hours, a student is permitted to overlap those hours beyond 12 with the major or with another minor).
6. The minor must include at least 6 hours of upper-level or upper-division course work (3000 or above).
7. Course work graded Pass/Non-Pass cannot count in the minor, and no more than 3 credit hours of course work graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory may count toward the minor.
8. No more than 3 credit hours of xx93 may count toward the minor.
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The Equine Science minor consists of ~~15~~ 12 hours selected as follows:

**Commented [AG1]:** Reduce total hours required from 15 to 12.

**Required Courses: 7-8 hours**

			Credit Hours
ANIMSCI	2221	Introduction to Equine Studies	3

and one of the following options:

**Option 1:**

ANIMSCI	3131	Equine Feeds and Feeding	3
and ANIMSCI	3171	Equine Health and Diseases	2

**Option 2:**

ANIMSCI	4001	Equine Production	4
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**Electives: Select courses to meet the minimum of 15<sup>1</sup>2 credit hours in the minor**

ANIMSCI	2301 or 2401	Equine Behavior and Training or <del>Advanced Equine Behavior and Training<sup>1</sup></del>	3
ANIMSCI	2400.01	Equine Studies in Europe <sup>2</sup>	1
ANIMSCI	3101	Equine Facilities, Marketing and Management	3
ANIMSCI	3131	Equine Feeds and Feeding ( <i>if not taken above</i> )	3
ANIMSCI	3171	Equine Health and Diseases ( <i>if not taken above</i> )	2
ANIMSCI	3301	Equine Selection and Evaluation	2
ANIMSCI	3400	Management Intensive Grazing	2
ANIMSCI	3797.01	Equine Studies in Europe (Travel Abroad) <sup>2</sup>	3
ANIMSCI	5551	Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies	2

**Commented [AG2]:** Remove ANIMSCI 2401

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**Commented [AG3]:** Remove since no longer needed.

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4. The ability to apply knowledge gained to solve problems and to integrate solutions to attain successful equine production management.

The Equine Science minor consists of 12 hours selected as follows:

<b>Required Courses: 7-8 hours</b>			<b>Credit Hours</b>
ANIMSCI	2221	Introduction to Equine Studies	3
<b>and one of the following options:</b>			
<b>Option 1:</b>			
ANIMSCI	3131	Equine Feeds and Feeding	3
<b>and ANIMSCI</b>	3171	Equine Health and Diseases	2
<b>Option 2:</b>			
ANIMSCI	4001	Equine Production	4

**Electives: Select courses to meet the minimum of 12 credit hours in the minor**

ANIMSCI	2301	Equine Behavior and Training	3
ANIMSCI	2400.01	Equine Studies in Europe <sup>1</sup>	1
ANIMSCI	3101	Equine Facilities, Marketing and Management	3
ANIMSCI	3131	Equine Feeds and Feeding ( <i>if not taken above</i> )	3
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