



EQUINE STUDIES DEPARTMENT TECHNICAL STANDARDS

In order to be successful in the Equine Studies Program, Riding classes, riding teams and vocational courses at Emory & Henry College, all students must meet the following requirements from the time they enroll in the program or classes until they have completed the course work or program of study.

- ❖ Students must have proof of current, adequate medical and hospitalization insurance.
- ❖ Students must wear footwear designed specifically for riding in English tack. The footwear must completely enclose the foot and have at least a 3/4 inch heel.
- ❖ Students must wear helmets that are ASTM/SEI certified. Helmets must have verification that they hold such certification.
- ❖ A standard weight ratio for riders is followed when determining horse and rider combinations. Horses may not carry more than 15% of their body weight in tack and rider. Therefore a student may be limited to certain horses or we may not be able to provide a horse for a student in certain cases.
 - For example, the average body weight of the school horses, as of Fall 2016, was 1360lbs. which can accommodate a 200 lb rider.
- ❖ Students must be able to understand and readily respond to audio cues while on horseback.
- ❖ Students must be able to understand instruction without having to make visual contact with the instructor or take their eyes off their track or course.



- ❖ Students must be able to have depth perception to allow them to judge the distance between themselves on a horse and obstacles, jumps or other horses in the arena.
- ❖ Students must be able to effectively warn other riders of their approach or position in the arena.
- ❖ Students must be able to easily and safely mount a horse either with the proper use of a standard mounting block or from the ground without assistance.
- ❖ Students must be able to ride astride in all mounted classes and assume standard positions required by whichever form of riding they are undertaking.
- ❖ Students must be able to perform all tasks either in the saddle or on the ground without losing balance, becoming winded, dizzy, light-headed or faint.
- ❖ Students must be able to bend over and lift a horse's hoof and hold long enough to allow proper examination and cleaning of the hoof
- ❖ Students must be able to hold and properly control standard grooming equipment.
- ❖ Students must be able to safely bridle or halter a horse without assistance.
- ❖ Students must be able to lift a 5 gallon water bucket to chest height.
- ❖ Students must be able to regularly work in an environment where dust, hay and grasses are prevalent and cannot be reduced.



If an applicant/student cannot demonstrate the above essential skills, it is the responsibility of the student to request appropriate accommodations. Emory & Henry College will provide reasonable accommodations for eligible students as long as accommodations do not fundamentally alter the nature of the program and do not impose an undue hardship such as those that cause a significant expense, difficulty or are unduly disruptive to the educational process. To determine eligibility for accommodations, students should contact the Director of Academic Support Services at 276-944-6144 or mail documentation, with cover letter explaining that you are a student interested in participating in the riding program (whether that be as a major/minor in equine studies, just taking riding class or participating on a riding team) , to:

Director of Academic Support Services
P.O. Box 947
Emory & Henry College
Emory, VA 24327

- ❖ Students needing accommodations are encouraged to contact the Director of Academic Support Services as soon as possible after acceptance to the program; **DISCLOSURE BEFORE BEING OFFERED ADMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED.**
- ❖ Applicants/students with disabilities who meet the above technical standards, with or without reasonable accommodations, shall not be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, nor be subjected to discrimination in the Emory & Henry College Equine Studies Program.

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Having read this document, students should complete the box below and mail as soon as possible; signing the affidavit signifies the student agrees that he/she meets the technical standards with or without reasonable accommodation. Sending the affidavit prior to the start of the semester will save time and effort, once the student arrives on campus. Students who do not submit prior to the semester will be asked to submit the signed affidavit at the initial meeting when students will be weighed.

Declaration

I have read the “*Technical Standards*” for admission to, progression in, and completion of the program in Equine Studies at Emory & Henry College and confirm that I am able to meet all of the requirements described in the document with or without accommodations.

Name (PRINT) _____
First Name Initial Last Name

Signature

Date

Please return to: Lisa Moosmueller-Terry
Director of Intermont Equestrian at Emory & Henry College
Emory & Henry Equestrian Center
20432 Stables Rd.
Bristol, VA 24202