

Department of Health and Physical Education:

Equestrian Studies



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A perfect combination.

Welcome to the Thiel College equestrian team. We are a team dedicated to the love of horses, competition in the sport and building a fun, supportive environment for all riders, regardless of skill level.

Whether you plan to study accounting, communications, or environmental studies, it is possible to be a part of our competitive team while still pursuing a rigorous academic experience. We also offer a minor in equestrian studies! At Thiel, we strive to build a squad of horse people who value the welfare of our horses, self-improvement and an inclusive, supportive team environment.



"I believe that horses bring out the best in us. They judge us not by how we look, what we're wearing or how powerful or rich we are, they judge us in terms of sensitivity, consistency, and patience. They demand standards of behavior and levels of kindness that we, as humans, then strive to maintain."

Clare Balding | Award-winning UK broadcaster, journalist and author

Experience Thiel College's competitive riding team

Thiel College competes in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) events. IHSA competitions are unique events because they provide horses and equipment at competition venues. Competitors can ride Western, Hunt Seat, Jumping or all three.

Lessons

Instructors provide both ground and mounted lessons dependent on the rider's ability level. Ground instruction teaches safe horse handling and horse care. Mounted instruction teaches a balanced riding position and proper use of aids to communicate with the horse.

Lessons are held at facilities off campus. Riders take lessons in groups and Thiel provides transportation to competitions. The barns where lessons take place are outfitted with saddles, bridles, grooming equipment, helmets and horses for students to use.

Take the reins of your future at Thiel College with an equine studies minor

Students interested in horses will find the equine studies minor a perfect fit for pursuing their professional or recreational goals in the equine industry.

Equine studies at Thiel provides students an opportunity to explore topics relating to the equine industry, horse care and anatomy. Students gain both theoretical and practical experience with horses including understanding their handling, physiology, behavior, health issues and maintenance. In addition, students will learn the basics that can be applied to many equine related careers.

While the course is equine focused, it is designed for maximum flexibility to attract students interested in a variety of careers including: equine facility manager/owner, equine journalist, trainer, bloodstock agent, bloodstock importer, or veterinary services.

99%
of Thiel students
receive tuition assistance.



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