



A 2.5-DAY STALLION SEMEN SHORT COURSE: FROM COLLECTION TO COOLING AND FREEZING

Organized by the Southern Illinois University Animal Science Program, School of Agricultural Sciences, in partnership with German Standard Group and Minitube USA, Inc.

DATES: March 7–9, 2025 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

TIME: Friday: 1:00 PM–6:00 PM. Saturday and Sunday: 8:00 AM–6:00 PM

PLACE: SIU Equine Teaching and Research Unit (ETRU)
2422 Union Hill Road
Carbondale, IL 62903

This short course consists of more than 24 hours of instruction (about 8 hours of theoretical instruction/lecture and 16 hours of practical instruction in the lab) working with stallion semen. The course will cover several topics including: stallion behavior, semen handling, processing, and evaluation for the generation of cooled and frozen artificial insemination doses, and proper procedures for cooling and freezing equine semen. Students will receive lots of hands-on practice in fresh, cooled, and frozen semen processing and handling, and view demonstrations of stallion sexual behavior and semen collection using SIU's registered Quarter Horse stallions.

REGISTRATION FEE: \$960.00. This covers the cost of the stallions, equipment, and supplies used during the course, as well as light refreshments, breakfast, and lunch for Saturday and Sunday. This program is limited to 15 students to ensure as much one-on-one help as possible. Registrations will be accepted on a **first-come, first-served basis until March 3**. Payments can be made in three installments: a non-refundable down deposit of \$320.00 to reserve a spot (due on Jan. 17), a non-refundable second payment of \$320.00 due on Feb. 17, and a third, final payment of \$320.00 due on Mar. 3. No refunds for the final payment will be provided if cancellation occurs after March 3. Payments may also be made in full, with two-thirds of the payment going toward the non-refundable deposits and the other half remaining refundable until after Mar. 3.

Complete this form and return it via email to Kendall Hyde (kendall.hyde@siu.edu). Payments should be made by **check or money order, preferentially**. Cash payments will be accepted exceptionally and are **not recommended**. Payments should be made to "Stallion Semen Short Course – FY 2025 – Mar. 7-9, 2025". If you need to send a check in the mail, **you must call or email and let us know it is being sent**.

For any question or concerns, please contact Kendall Hyde via at kendall.hyde@siu.edu, or leave a message for Kendall at the Animal Science Program front desk at (618) 453-2329.

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ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS:

- Dr. Márcio Nunes, DVM, MSc: Dr. Nunes is a veterinarian with over 20 years of experience and obtained his Master of Science degree in equine reproduction. Throughout his career, Dr. Nunes has conducted scientific projects on equine reproduction, including sperm selection and improved methods of stallion sperm cooling and freezing. He served as the head of the equine technical department for Minitube in Brazil for 11 years and has been living in Dubai as the technical manager of German Standard Group since October 2022, where he oversees the technical reproductive area in the Middle Eastern countries.

Go here to learn more about Dr. Nunes: <https://ae.linkedin.com/in/marciomnunes>

- Dr. Eduardo Gastal, DVM, MS, PhD: Dr. Gastal has been working in the field of equine reproduction for over 30 years. He has extensive experience in equine semen collection, processing, and analysis as both a veterinarian and an academic researcher. Furthermore, Dr. Gastal has been teaching Animal Science and Veterinary Science since 1991 and has been teaching Animal Science courses at SIU for over 15 years. Dr. Gastal is incredibly excited to instruct this short course and cannot wait to teach eager participants about the importance of proper semen handling.

Go here to learn more about Dr. Gastal: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Eduardo-Gastal>

HOTEL INFORMATION:

- Home2 Suites by Hilton Carbondale – \$134 per night
Address: 200 West Elm Street, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 3.7 miles (8 minutes)
Phone: (618) 529-2555
- Hampton Inn Carbondale – \$103 per night
Address: 2175 Reed Station Parkway, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 7.7 miles (14 minutes)
Phone: (618) 549-6900
- Best Western Saluki Inn – \$85 per night
Address: 801 North Giant City Road, Carbondale, IL 62902
Distance from ETRU: 5.8 miles (12 minutes)
Phone: (618) 351-6611
- Super 8 by Wyndham Carbondale – \$55 per night
Address: 1180 East Main Street, Carbondale, IL 62901
Distance from ETRU: 5.1 miles (12 minutes)
Phone: (618) 457-8822



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REGISTRATION FORM

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

All students must sign an additional waiver form on the first day of the course. **This course is limited to participants who are 18 years of age or older**. Additionally, please send a picture (front and back) of your insurance information and driver's license (or other equivalent form of identification) to Kendall Hyde at kendall.hyde@siu.edu or bring these items to the first day of the course.

Additional Note:

Please come dressed in long pants (preferably jeans) and close-toed shoes for each day of the short course. Additionally, please bring something to take notes with (pen and paper, computer, etc.) for the lecture sessions.