Mustang Equestrian

The Morrisville State College hunt seat and western equestrian teams compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) within Region 3, Zone 2.

During competition, students ride horses that are furnished by the host school and chosen by drawing lots. Classes range from walk/trot for beginner students to the open division for the more advanced and experienced riders.

Riders qualify for the National Championship Horse Show through a point system. Throughout the season, riders accumulate points at collegiate shows to qualify for the Region 3 finals in April. The top three riders in each class of the regional finals advance to the Zone 2 finals in late April. The top two competitors in each class at zones qualifies for the National Show in early May.

The high point team in Region 3 competes in head to head competition with other high point teams within Zone 2 to represent the zone for national championship team honors; winning the “Collegiate Cup” for the hunt seat division and the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) trophy for the western division.

Morrisville State College’s hunt seat and equestrian teams practice and compete in some of the best facilities at the collegiate level. The college hosts hunt seat competitions at its 34,000 square foot breeding and hunter jumper facility with the western team hosting competitions in either of its two 80’ x 264’ indoor riding arenas. More than 150 horses are available for practice and competition.

Morrisville’s hunt seat team has consistently placed in the top six of the region and has qualified many students for regional and zone championships. Several have placed first in their respective classes and join the prestigious alumni at Morrisville State, being crowned reserve or high point riders for the shows. For the past four years, Morrisville has remained one of the top three teams of the region.

Morrisville’s western team has consistently been one of the top teams in the region and zone. Many students have qualified for regional and zone competition, with several advancing to the national championships. The western team has been the Region 3, Zone 2 champion for three consecutive years and has qualified more than 30 individual and team riders for national competition. Within the past four years, Morrisville has had three national champions, a two-time national champion in reining and a national champion in team open reining. In 2005, eight riders placed within the top eight at nationals, repeating performances in the 2006 and 2007 seasons.

For more information on the Morrisville State College hunt seat and western teams, contact the equestrian team coaches:

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Academic Majors

Baccalaureate degree programs are listed, followed by related associate degree programs.

**Agricultural Business Development**
- Related Associate Degree: A wide range in agricultural fields

**Automotive Management**
- Related Associate Degree: Automotive Technology

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**Dairy Management**
- Related Associate Degrees: Animal Science—Dairy, Agricultural Business, Agricultural Science

**Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management**
- Related Associate Degrees: Any Associate Degree

**Equine Science**
- Related Associate Degrees: Equine Science and Management, Equine Racing Management

**Horticulture Business Management**
- Related Associate Degree: Horticulture, Business

**Human Performance and Health Promotion**
- Related Associate Degree: Sports, Nutrition and Fitness Management

**Information Technology**—
- Applications Software Development
- Electronic Marketing and Publishing
- End-User Support
- Information Technology—Technology Management
- Network Administration
- Web Development
  - Related Associate Degrees: Computer Information Systems, Computer Systems Technology, Office Technology, Business Administration, Accounting (related to all Information Technology degrees above)

**Journalism & Communication for Online Media**
- Related Associate Degree: Journalism Technology

**Nursing**
- Related Associate Degree: Nursing

**Renewable Resources**
- Related Associate Degrees: Natural Resources Conservation, Aquaculture and Aquatic Science

**Resort and Recreation Service Management**:
- Related Associate Degrees: Food Service Administration, Gaming and Casino Management, Restaurant Management, Travel and Tourism: Hospitality Management

**Science, Technology and Society**
- Related Associate Degree: Any Associate Degree