

The United States Dressage Federation's goal is to educate people about dressage theory and practice. To accomplish that goal, USDF created the USDF University to provide a structure of accreditation for dressage programs and to set a standard for individual achievement. Through this program, USDF recognizes those members who strive to continue their education in dressage and related equine subjects.

Programs with a wide range of subject matter are eligible for USDF University accreditation. Topics can include those of a general equestrian nature to further a member's education in equine anatomy, health, feeding, care, etc. Specific programs related to dressage theory and practice, or to further one's abilities in the dressage arena, such as adult camps, can also be accredited. Specialized programs, such as continuing education for judges, instructors, trainers, and technical delegates, the USDF "L" Education Program for Judge Training, and the USDF Instructor Certification Program, can be included. Traditional riding clinics are not eligible for accreditation

Program formats may include seminars, workshops, camps, or demonstrations, but should include at least three hours of lecture. The length of programs can vary from a minimum of three hours to multiple days, based upon program format, content, and objective of the program.

The USDF University program is open to all current participating, group, and inter-collegiate/interscholastic members.

PROGRAM ACCREDITATION

USDF PROGRAMS

All programs organized by USDF are USDF University Accredited. Attendees will automatically receive USDF University credits upon confirmation of attendance and USDF Membership. USDF programs include:

- USDF FEI Jr/YR Clinic Series
- USDF Adult Clinic Series
- USDF Instructor Workshops
- USDF "L" Education Program
- USDF CE Program for Judges and "L" Graduates
- USDF National Symposium
- USDF Sport Horse Handlers Clinics
- USDF Sport Horse Seminars
- USDF Trainers' Conference
- USDF/USEF Young Rider Graduate Program

The following programs held during the USDF Annual Convention are USDF University accredited, and attendees who are current members will receive USDF University credits for attending by submission of their education session "credit card":

- USDF University Education sessions
- USDF Apprentice Dressage TD Clinic
- GMO Education sessions
- Competition Managers/Secretary Clinic
- Youth Education session

Additionally, the following USEF Programs will receive USDF University accreditation, and attendees who are current USDF members will receive USDF University credits

for attending upon confirmation of attendance by USEF:

- USEF Judges Forum
- USEF TD Forum
- USEF Dressage Sport Horse Breeding Judges Forum

OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

Accreditation is also available for off-campus programs organized by an individual, a group, or a USDF Group Member Organization (GMO) and its chapters. This enables USDF members across the country to have access to USDF University accredited programs. If you are interested in hosting an off-campus program, contact the USDF office to request the USDF University Accreditation Application Form and the USDF University Accreditation Guidelines for Off-Campus Programs. This information is available on the USDF website at www.usdf.org.

The following programs are not eligible for USDF University credits:

- USDF Instructor Certification Program: pre-certifications and final exams
- USDF L Program: D-1, D-2 sessions and final exams



- GMO Roundtable discussion held during USDF Annual Convention
- Open Forums held during USDF Annual Convention

EARNING CREDITS

USDF PROGRAMS

For some USDF programs, participants and auditors may earn credits differently. Refer to program guidelines on the USDF website for further information.

Participants:

- 4 credits per 2 days of attendance
- 2 credits per 1 day of attendance

Auditors:

- One credit per full day (8 hours per day) of attendance

OFF-CAMPUS UNIVERSITY APPROVED PROGRAMS:

Participants and auditors receive the same credit for attending USDF University Off-Campus accredited programs.

- 1/2 credit per 4 hours of attendance
- 1 credit per one day of attendance (8 hours per day)

If you wish to receive university credits for attending an off-campus program, ask the program organizer for the USDF University Sign-Up form for credit. Simply fill out the form and pay the \$5 processing fee to the organizer. Upon completion of the program, the organizer will submit the forms and fees to the USDF office to have the credit recorded.

