MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
COURSE NUMBER: AGR 103       CREDIT HOURS: 1

I. **TITLE:**

Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Designed for intermediate riders in their first or second year of riding and for riders that are considered safe to ride an unfamiliar horse in a group at a canter. A higher degree of proficiency at the walk, sitting trot, posting trot, two point, and canter is required more than in Basic Hunt Seat Equitation. Emphasis is placed on learning suppling exercises for horse and rider in addition to developing a competent rider with proper Hunt Seat Equitation skills. Weekend participation in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association horse shows is mandatory. Participation in weekend riding clinics is required. Prerequisite: AGR 102, unless approved by instructor.

III. **PURPOSE:**

To supply the student with the ability and knowledge that will enable them to show a horse in Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation class with a workmanlike appearance, light hands, seat, and correct leg position. In addition, the rider will develop the physical and mental ability required to be competitive in the show ring. Riders will perfect the techniques that will enable them to accurately pick up the correct diagonal. Riders will also learn to set up horses in a manner that will allow their horse to more accurately pick up the right and left leads. All horses used at this level are more difficult to ride or school than horses used with the Basic Hunt Seat Equitation class.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

After completion of this course, the student should be able to:

A. Ride and control a horse consisting of an intermediate level of difficulty while showing Hunt Seat Equitation on the flat.
B. Ride Hunt Seat Equitation while performing on the intermediate level Hunt Seat patterns on and off the rail.
C. Perform two point position at the walk, trot, and canter.
D. Perform simple change of canter leads on the rail, as well as, down the center of the ring.
E. Perform exercises that aid the horse and rider in picking up the horses more accurately.
F. Perform exercises that aid the rider in picking up the horses left and right canter leads more accurately.
G. Riding without stirrups at the walk, sitting trot, posting trot, and two point positions.
H. Perfect the concept of collection and on the bit.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Familiarize students with facilities and horses.
B. Terminology that will be used.
C. Collection and getting on the bit.
D. Riding in a group of horses.
E. Maintaining proper equitation while riding and working the horse at the walk, sitting trot, posting trot, and canter.
F. Perform intermediate level patterns while maintaining proper equitation form.
G. Perform two point at walk, sitting trot, posting trot, and canter.
H. Change leads on the rail, as well as, down the center.
I. Ride without stirrups at the walk, sitting trot, and posting trot.
J. Exercises that supple both horse and rider.

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Barn assignments
B. Videos
C. Reading assignments
D. Clinics
E. Handling and riding horses

VII. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

Weekend participation in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association horse shows is mandatory. Participation in weekend riding clinics is required.

VIII. RESOURCES:

A. All students are required to wear proper footwear (boots with heels) and headgear (helmets).
B. All students are required to present proof of health insurance.
C. All students are responsible for supplying their own show outfits, after discussion with the instructor.
D. Students are responsible for all weekend expenses with the exception of van transportation.
E. All students are responsible for transportation to the university horse farm.
IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

Students will be graded on class participation, riding improvement, barn assignments, and attendance.

Grading scale:
90 – 100 = A  
80 – 89 = B  
70 – 79 = C  
60 – 69 = D  
Below 60 = E

X. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Please refer to the most current copy of the *Murray State University’s Undergraduate Bulletin and Graduate Bulletin.*

XI. **ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:**

(Adopted by the MSU Board of Regents)
Cheating, plagiarism (submitting another person’s material as one's own), or doing work for another person which will receive academic credit are all impermissible. This includes the use of unauthorized books, notebooks, or other sources in order to secure or give help during an examination, the unauthorized copying of examinations, assignments, reports, term papers, or the presentation on unacknowledged material as if it were the student’s own work. Disciplinary action may be taken beyond the academic discipline administered by the faculty member who teaches the course in which the cheating took place.

NOTE: The School of Agriculture Faculty have adopted and implemented an Academic Honesty Policy in addition to the University Honesty Policy, which can be found in the current *Undergraduate Bulletin and Graduate Bulletin.* The policy sets guidelines regarding acts of dishonesty and the procedure to follow should an event occur. It is each Agriculture student’s responsibility to obtain and read a copy of this document. The School’s Academic Honesty Policy can be obtained by asking for a copy from any Agriculture Faculty member or the Secretary.

XII. **TEXT AND REFERENCES:**

IHSA rule book and AHSA rule book
XIII. **PREREQUISITES:**

AGR 102, unless approved by the instructor.

XIV. **STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:**

Murray State University endorses the intent of all federal and state laws created to prohibit discrimination. Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, or disability in employment, admissions, or the provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal access to participate in all programs and activities. For more information, contact Sabrina Y. Dial, Director of Equal Opportunity, Murray State University, 103 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071-3318. Telephone: 270-809-3155 (voice), 270-809-3361 (TDD).

XV. **MSU SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE CELL PHONE POLICY**

The School of Agriculture recognizes that in today’s world cell phones are a familiar and often necessary form of communication for students.

It shall be the policy of the School that no cell phone usage shall be allowed in class and/or labs without the prior consent of the course instructor. This shall include verbal calling, incoming calls, email, text messaging, and use of cell phone calculators on tests and quizzes.

Cell phones must be kept off and out of sight (i.e. secured to a person’s belt or kept in a bag or purse away from desks and lab counters).

Should a student’s cell phone be visible, ring, or other form of unauthorized usage that is interruptive to the class or lab, the student may be asked to leave class and not return for that class/lab period.

Upon prior consent of the instructor, a student may obtain permission to have their phone on in case of an emergency or in critical family situations.

This policy also includes pagers and other electronic equipment such as blackberries and/or computers/laptops.