I. **TITLE:**
Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Designed for advanced riders that are considered safe to ride an unfamiliar horse in a group at a canter and gallop. A higher degree of proficiency at the walk, sitting trot, posting trot, two point, canter and gallop is required more than in Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation. Emphasis is placed on the correct application of riders natural aids, suppling of the horse, collection and riding on the bit. To develop competent riders with professional equitation skills. Weekend participation in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association horse shows is mandatory. Participation in weekend riding clinics is required. Prerequisites: AGR 103, unless approved by instructor.

III. **PURPOSE:**

To supply students with the ability and knowledge that will enable them to show a horse in Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation. Riders will work on collection, extension, suppling, transitions, canter, and counter canter. All horses used at this level are more difficult to ride or school than horses used with the Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

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

A. Ride and control a horse consisting of an advanced level of difficulty while showing Hunt Seat Equitation the flat.
B. Ride Hunt Seat Equitation while performing Advanced level Hunt Seat patterns on and off the rail.
C. Perform two-point position at the walk, trot and canter without stirrups.
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 becoming more supple.
F. Canter on the counter canter lead.
G. Extension and collection of strides.
H. Develop smooth transitions.
I. Turn on forehand and turn on the haunches.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**
A. Familiarize students with facilities and horses.
B. Terminology.
C. Collection and extension of strides.
D. Riding in a group of horses.
E. Maintaining proper equitation while riding and working the horse at the walk, sitting trot, posting trot, canter and gallop.
F. Advanced testing on and off the rail while maintaining proper equitation.
G. Two point at all gaits.
H. Transitions.
I. Canter and counter canter work.
J. Without stirrup work.
K. 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:**

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VIII. **RESOURCES:**

A. All students are required to wear proper foot wear (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 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 farm.

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

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

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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 103, unless approved by 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-
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.