I. **TITLE:**

Beginner Stock Seat Equitation

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Designed for beginner riders in their first year or second year of riding and for riders that are considered unsafe to ride an unfamiliar horse in a group at a lope. Emphasis is placed on developing a competent well-rounded Stock seat rider with proper Stock Seat equitation skills. Weekend participation in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association is mandatory. Weekend riding clinics will be held and participation is expected. Instructor approval required. Students must be selected for the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association horse show team to enroll in this class.

III. **PURPOSE:**

To supply the student with the ability and knowledge that will enable them to show a horse in Beginner Stock Seat equitation class with proper hand, seat, and leg position. In addition, the rider will be introduced to the basic concept of collection of the horse and how to request and obtain a correct head set for the horse. Also, students will develop the skills that will enable them to correctly perform various Basic Stock Seat riding patterns.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

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

A. Safely and confidently ride an unfamiliar horse in a group.
B. Ride and control a horse while showing Basic Stock Seat Equitation at the walk and jog.
C. Correctly applying and understanding the concept of collection.
D. Correctly requesting and obtaining a proper head set on a western horse.
E. Ride Stock Seat Equitation while performing various Stock Seat Equitation patterns.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

A. Familiarize students with facilities and beginner level stock seat horses.
B. Familiarize student basic equine terminology.
C. Controlling the horse at the walk and jog.
D. Controlling the horse while riding in a group of horses.
E. Proper conditioning of the horse and rider.
F. Emergency procedures.
G. Proper Stock Seat Equitation at the walk and jog.
H. Development of light hands and a quiet seat at walk and jog.
I. Ride Stock Seat Equitation while performing Beginner Stock Seat patterns.
J. Collection and proper head set of the western horse.

VI.  **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

A. Barn Assignments
B. Videos
C. Reading Assignments
D. Handling and riding horses.

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

Weekend participation in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association horse shows is mandatory. Weekend riding clinics will be held and participation is expected.

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

A. All students are required to wear proper foot wear (boots with heels).
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 horse farm.

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

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

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 AQHA rule book

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

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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.