MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
COURSE NUMBER: AGR 108
CREDIT HOURS: 1

I. TITLE:
Advance Stock Seat Equitation

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
Designed for the advance rider that is considered safe to ride an unfamiliar horse in a group at a lope. A higher degree of proficiency at the walk, jog, and lope is required more than in Intermediate Stock Seat Equitation. Emphasis is placed on the correct application of the riders natural aids, suppling of the horse, collection, and riding on the bit. In addition to developing competent Stock Seat equitation rider. Prerequisites: AGR 107 or approved by instructor.

III. PURPOSE:
To supply students with the ability and knowledge that will enable them to show a horse in Advanced Stock Seat Equitation class. Using previously learned fundamentals, the application of natural aids and suppling exercises the student will be asked to perform lead changes, stops, turns, collection, extension, and transitions. All horses used at this level are more difficult to ride or school than horses used with the Intermediate Stock Seat Equitation. These techniques will also be applicable, within each of the different gaits. Weekend participation in Intercollegiate Horse Show Association horse shows is mandatory. Weekend riding clinics will be held and participation is expected.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:
After completion of this course, the student should be able to:
A. Ride and control a horse of consisting of an Advanced level Stock Seat level of difficulty while showing Stock Seat Equitation.
B. Ride Stock Seat Equitation while performing Advanced level Stock Seat Patterns on and off the rail.
C. Proper application of natural aids.
D. Lope change of lead on and off the rail.
E. Perform exercises that aid the horse and rider in becoming more supple.
F. Lope on the counter lead on and off the rail.
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 Advanced Level Stock Seat horses.
B. Collection and extension of strides.
C. Controlling a strange horse while riding in a group.
D. Maintaining proper equitation while riding and working the horse at the walk, jog, and lope.
E. Advanced testing on and off the rail while maintaining proper equitation.
F. Upward and downward transitions.
G. Lope and counter lope work.
H. Riding without stirrups.
I. Exercises that enable both the horse and the rider greater suppleness.

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).
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:**

AGR 107, 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
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.