MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE NUMBER: AGR 109
CREDIT HOURS: 3

I. TITLE:
Equine Barn Management

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Designed for the beginning equine student to learn about the necessary elements of barn management. Students will be learning the day to day tasks that are a part of the operation of an equine facility. Some weekend attendance will be required.

III. PURPOSE:
To supply students with the ability and knowledge that will enable them to perform the necessary tasks that are a part of the day to day operation of an equine facility. The student will learn the safe and prescribed methods of ground basics of horsemanship.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:
After completion of this course, the student should be able to:
A. Lead the horse in the safe and prescribed method.
B. Perform correct daily grooming techniques.
C. Performing stall and structure maintenance.
D. Clean and maintain necessary equipment.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:
A. Familiarize students with facilities and equipment used in barn maintenance.
B. Correct method of stall maintenance.
C. Safety control and leading techniques.
D. Retrieving a horse from the pasture.
E. Foot care and methods of hoof disease control.
F. Grooming techniques.
G. Restraining Techniques.
VI.  INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Barn Assignments
B. Reading Assignments
C. Using the proper tools
D. Handling Horses

VII.  FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:

None.

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 work outfits after discussion with instructor.
D. 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 Murray State University’s Undergraduate 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:

None.

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

None

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.