I. TITLE:

Intermediate Horsemanship

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Designed for students with previous experience in handling of horses. Deals with instruction in bareback, possible limited stock seat and/or hunt seat. PREREQUISITES: AGR 101 and/or Instructors permission

III. PURPOSE:

To broaden student’s mental and physical abilities to the point that they may Expand upon a horse’s performance through the students balance and to improve students skills.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

a. Obtain balance and confidence while riding bareback.
b. Improve rider’s use of natural and artificial aids.
c. Improve rider’s understanding of why horses react the way they do.
d. To increase student’s knowledge of horse care and handling.
e. Improve rider’s understanding of the principles of equitation and horsemanship
f. Perform gaits proficiently while riding bareback.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Review proper handling, grooming and saddling techniques.
B. Evaluate individual students riding skills.
C. Emphasis on balance and use of aids through riding bareback at all three gaits.
D. Explain, demonstrate and engage in lunging both with and without rider/p per Instructor.
E. Perform given patterns in all disciplines.
VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

NO riding outside of class without instructor permission. (Staff must be on premises).

Reading will be assigned periodically throughout the semester to coincide with activities being carried out in class. There will also be at least one riding skills test given during the semester. Grade will be based on:

- Daily grade average
- Quiz average
- Average of riding skills tests
- Final Exam
- Attendance: Three unexcused absences will lower your grade one letter.

VII. RESOURCES:


B. All students must wear boots with heel and smooth sole.
C. Students must have proof of health insurance.
D. All students must have a signed notarized release.
E. All students are required to wear an ASE certified helmet per instructor.
F. Students must have their own halter and lead rope.

VIII. GRADING SCALE:

- A = 100 – 90
- B = 89 – 80
- C = 79 – 70
- D = 69 – 60
- E = below 60

Evaluated on performance in class, riding skills exams, attendance, and written exams.

All exams will be taken at the scheduled time: only exceptions will be with prior approval of instructor.

IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

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

Refer to above stated policy in VI. Instructional Policy.
X. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:

Refer to Policy adopted by the MSU Board Regents. Also refer to The School of Agriculture Policy found in the current Undergraduate Bulletin and Graduate Bulletin. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and read a copy of these Documents.

XI. 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).

XII. CELL PHONE POLICY:

a. No cell phones will be allowed to be worn in class when riding.
b. Cell phones will be turned off or kept on vibrate at all times.
c. No cell phones will be allowed in class during exams.
d. All Murray State University School of Agriculture rules regarding cell phone use will be followed in addition to the above regulations.

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 101, Basic Horsemanship and / or Instructors permission.
Non grade based entrance exam required.