I. **TITLE:**

Woody Plants Materials I

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

The identification and use of woody deciduous plant materials in the landscape. 
Prerequisites: AGR 160

III. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this course is to familiarize the student with the identification, native 
habitat, form, growth rate, ornamental interest, taxonomic feature, growing 
requirements, propagation and landscape value of woody deciduous plant materials.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

A. For the student to be able to identify deciduous trees, shrubs, and vines that are or 
should be important landscape species in our area.
B. For the student to the cultural requirements of these plants so that they will 
understand the specific locations or situations where these plants will succeed.
C. For the student to know information about the propagation and production of 
these plants in the nursery.
D. For the student to know how these plants can improve the landscape by taking 
advantage of various characteristics.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

A. Introduction  
B. Binomial System of Nomenclature  
C. Deciduous Trees, uses and culture  
   1. Medium to large  
   2. Small  
D. Deciduous Shrubs, uses and culture  
E. Deciduous Vines and Groundcovers, uses and culture
VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

A. Lectures  
B. PowerPoint Presentations  
C. Videos  
D. Demonstrations  
E. Field Trips  
F. Lab exercises

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

Students will be able to observe a variety of deciduous plant materials utilized in various landscape settings. They will also be able to observe which of these plants are most commonly handled or stocked by local nurseries.

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

Our primary resource for the study of plant materials is the MSU campus and some surrounding streets. Local nurseries and garden centers, plus the university greenhouse and farm are additional resources.

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

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Grading Scale:

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

**Policy Toward Extra Work to Improve Grade:** No extra work is allowed to improve one’s grade since there are numerous opportunities to improve your grade through exams, written reports, and quizzes.

**Make-up Policy:** Make-up exams will not be given routinely. If unusual circumstances or illness precludes attendance on the day of an exam, it is student’s responsibility to discuss the situation with the instructor in order to schedule a new exam. Written reports must be received on time in order for the student to receive full credit. Unannounced quizzes cannot be made up.
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:

Required Text:
B. Key to Common Woody Landscape Plants in the Midwest, by B. Stidd and R. Henry.

Recommended Text:

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 160 Horticultural Science

XIV. STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

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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.