I. TITLE:

Advanced Forward Seat

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to proceed Intermediate Horsemanship with emphasis in Hunt Seat. Work on the flat (basic dressage) will also be studied.

Prerequisite: AGR 201 and approval of the instructor.

III. PURPOSE:

To promote competence in jumping and riding the hunt seat horse on the flat. Communication with the horse will be stressed.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

A. To broaden the rider’s concept of use of the aids.
B. Applying work on the flat to work over fences.
C. To increase ability through exercises involving use of rider’s aids (natural and artificial).
D. Work over fences (trot poles, gymnastics, courses, etc.).
E. Lateral work (leg yielding, shoulder in, haunches in).
F. Develop the ability to ride a course of fences safely and correctly.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Review of proper basic fundamentals of Hunt Seat riding.
B. Evaluation of each rider’s skill and ability.
C. Work on the flat to improve rider’s position.
D. Prepare to go over jumps by using ground rails.
E. Work over small obstacles and raise as student’s ability improves.
F. Introduce proper aids for beginning level dressage.
G. Continue work by combining jumping and dressage.
H. Evaluate with skills exam.
VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

A. Hunt and Balanced Seat riding  
B. Work over obstacles  
C. Lecture and Theory  
D. Handouts  
E. Video-taping

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

None

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

A. Horses and Riding Equipment – supplied by the University  
B. Boots  
C. Hard hats  
D. Insurance – responsibility of the student

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

Students will be evaluated on riding ability, individual riding tests, quizzes, and attendance.

Grading Scale:  
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:

Allen, 101 Jumping Exercises for Horse and Rider, Storey Publishing (Required)

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 201 and approval of the instructor.

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.