MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE
COURSE NUMBER: AGR 308          CREDIT HOURS: 3
SEMESTER: Spring

I. TITLE:
   Equine Practicum AGR 308

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

   Designed for students with limited experience in the handling of horses. It includes instruction in grooming, and the development of basic skills needed to work with horses on the ground.

III. PURPOSE:

   To supply students with the ability and knowledge to confidently handle horses and apply the basic handling skills necessary for catching, working with or restraining a horse.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

   After completion of this course, the student should be able to:

   A. Catch and halter a horse
   B. Know the parts of a horse
   C. Know the color and markings of a horse
   D. Groom the horse
   E. Control the horse properly at the walk, trot, and canter on the lounge line using body aids
   F. Demonstrate proper restraining techniques on a horse

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

   A. Catch and halter
   B. Leading a horse properly and safely
   C. Tying
   D. Grooming
   E. Leg wraps
   F. Proper care of the horse
   G. Controlling the horse on a lounge line at the walk, trot, and canter
   H. Controlling the horse using one’s body aids
   I. Proper restraint techniques used on horses
   J. Any types of activities that occur on a working equine farm.
VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

A. Classroom assignments/papers  
B. Films  
C. Videos  
D. Handling

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

None.

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

B. All students are required to wear proper footwear (boots with heels).  
C. Students are to supply their own halter for class use.  
D. All students are responsible for their own insurance.  
E. All students must have signed and notarized releases on file.

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

Evaluated on performance in class attendance, skills exams, and written exams. There will be written exams and periodical quizzes.

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*. Two unexcused absences will lower your grade one letter.

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:**


Quizzes/Test will be taken from notes that are given.

XIII. **PREREQUISITES:**

None

XIV. **STATEMENTS 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. **CELL PHONE POLICY:**

A. NO cell phones will be allowed to be worn in class while working with the horses.

B. Cell phones will be turned off or kept on vibrate at all times.

C. No cell phones will be allowed in class during an exam.
D. All Murray State University School of Agriculture rules regarding cell phone usage will be followed in addition to the above regulations.