I. TITLE:

Equine Facility Management

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A course designed for the equine student to study the economic and business related aspects of facility management. Students will be taught the value of short and long term planning and the decision making process that is involved in the operation of a commercial equine facility. Some weekend attendance will be required.

III. PURPOSE:

To supply students with the ability and knowledge that will enable them to understand the decision making process that is so important in the daily and long term operation of an equine facility.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

After completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Understand the importance of making short and long term plans.
B. Analyze financial data and understand the importance of its use.
C. Decision making that has a positive effect on the effectiveness and profitability of an equine facility.
D. Understand the role of equipment and facility maintenance policies.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Learn the decision making process.
B. Understanding the importance of equipment maintenance.
C. Prepare budgets and understand their importance.
D. Assimilate financial data to understand the cost of day to day operations of an equine facility.
E. Become familiar with U.S.D.A policies.
F. Learn safety and health procedures for the equine facility.
G. Prepare and implement disease policies and procedures.
VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Facility management assignments
B. Reading assignments
C. Facility maintenance
D. Equipment maintenance

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

None.

VIII. RESOURCES:

A. All students are required to wear proper foot wear.
B. All students are required to present proof of health insurance.
C. All students are responsible for transportation to the university horse farm.

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:

Students will be graded on:
20%  Class participation and attendance
20%  Financial planning
20%  Facility planning
20%  Disease planning
20%  Assignments

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.

XI. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:

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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.