SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE NUMBER: AGR 315
CREDIT HOURS: 3

I. TITLE:

Alternative Equine Care

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Deals with investigation and introduction into alternative careers within the equine industry. Overview and discussion as to how they relate to the equine athlete involving massage therapy, acupressure, chiropractic, dentistry, horseshoeing, holistic veterinary care, equine assisted therapy and sports medicine. Field trip to an area facility and active participation as required.

Prerequisites: AGR 302 or permission of instructor.

III. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this course is to introduce students into alternative career choices within the equine industry.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Provide the student with an understanding of alternative careers that support the equine industry. Special emphasis will be placed on massage therapy, acupressure, chiropractic, dentistry, horseshoeing, holistic veterinary care, equine assisted therapy and sports medicine.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. The Horse as an Athlete
B. Equine Massage Therapy
C. Equine Acupressure
D. Stretching the Equine
E. Skeletal Anatomy
F. Equine Chiropractors
G. Anatomy of the Foot
H. Horseshoeing
I. Anatomy of the Head and Mouth
J. Equine Dentistry
K. Holistic Veterinary Care
L. Equine Assisted Therapy  
M. Sports Medicine  

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:  

A. Lecture, discussion, demonstration and hands on participation in performing various in class activities.  
B. Handouts  
C. Quizzes (Written and Demonstration)  
D. Field Trips  
E. Keynote speakers with demonstrations  
F. Exams  

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

Part of this course will include hands on activities, learning the techniques and use of massage therapy and stretching of horses. Field trip to an area facility and active participation as required.  

VIII. RESOURCES:  

A. Horses  
B. Handouts  
C. University E-mail Address  
D. Text/ TBA  

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:  

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Letter Grades:  
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 Murray State University’s Undergraduate 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:

TBA

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 302 or permission of the instructor.

XIV. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT:

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 Director of Equal Opportunity, 103 Wells Hall. 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.