SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE NUMBER: AGR 361   CREDIT HOURS: 3

I. TITLE:

Horticulture and Greenhouse Management Practicum

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

A hands-on work study course that allows for the management and maintenance of all university greenhouse and horticultural components.

Prerequisite: AGR 360 Greenhouse Production and Management and permission of instructor.

III. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this course is to give students hands-on experience with managing and maintaining greenhouse and horticultural components beyond the scope of AGR 360.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To apply the acquired skills from AGR 360 to the day-to-day operations of all greenhouse and horticultural components of the University’s horticulture program. The skills will be directly applicable to normal working conditions and give the student job training while still in school. Students will learn to take on managerial responsibilities that will include crop scheduling, maintenance, and overseeing students working in the horticultural areas of the program.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Introduction
B. Crop Production and Marketing
C. Crop Scheduling
D. Watering/Fertilizing
E. Pest Control
F. Greenhouse Managerial Techniques

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Lectures
B. Demonstrations
C. Laboratory exercises
VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

Students will learn to analyze crop needs, site environmental conditions and problem solving skills.

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

A. Classroom  
B. Greenhouses  
C. Display beds/gardens of the horticulture program

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

Lecture will meet once a week. Lecture attendance and class participation will count for 20% of the grade. Student work hours (9 hours/week by arrangement) will account for 60% of the grade. The remaining 20% will come from the student’s work journal. A late penalty of 10% per week will be assessed to all late reports and designs. Projects will NOT be accepted after more than two weeks delinquent.

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:**

None.

XIII. **PREREQUISITES:**

AGR 360 – Greenhouse Production and Management and permission from the instructor.

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.