MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE NUMBER: AGR 365 CREDIT HOURS: 2

I. TITLE:
Herbaceous Ornamental Plants

II. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
A study of the characteristics, requirements, and potential uses of herbaceous ornamental plants in the landscape. Prerequisites: AGR 160 or permission from the instructor.

III. PURPOSE:
To familiarize the student with the great diversity of types of herbaceous ornamentals, their characteristics, requirements, and potential uses.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:
A. To develop an appreciation of the general good and bad features of annuals, biennials, and perennials.
B. To develop an understanding of the characteristics of important types of annuals, biennials, and perennials.
C. To develop an appreciation of the growing conditions required of important herbaceous ornamentals as well as any special pest problems that might limit their use.
D. To develop an appreciation of various potential uses for herbaceous ornamentals and the ability to plan landscape plantings utilizing these plants.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE:
A. Introduction
B. Potential Uses of Herbaceous Ornamentals
C. Perennials
   1. Late summer to fall flowering
   2. Spring-flowering bulbs
   3. Spring-flowering perennials
   4. Summer-flowering perennials
D. Biennials
E. Annuals
   1. For Flowers
   2. For foliage
F. Designed Landscape Plantings
VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Lectures
B. Field trips
C. Laboratory exercises
D. Greenhouse plus campus and farm plantings will be valuable.
E. Students will be given the opportunity to plan landscape plantings utilizing herbaceous ornamentals.

VII. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

Students will observe the characteristics of various types of herbaceous ornamentals and plan perennial borders and various types of flowerbeds.

VIII. RESOURCES:

A. Greenhouse
B. Laboratory facilities
C. Campus and plantings and at the University farms.

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:

2 Lecture Exam  13%
6 Lab Exams  60%
2 Designs  8%
1 Lab Final  10%
Attendance  5%
1 Paper  4%

All assignments must be received on time in order for the student to receive full credit. Late work will be lowered by 10% each week it is delinquent. Work will NOT be accepted after two weeks past due date.

Grading Scale:
90 + = A
80 - 89.9 = B
70 - 79.9 = C
60 - 69.9 = 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:

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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.

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XII. TEXT AND REFERENCES:


XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 160 or permission from the instructor.

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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.