I. **TITLE:**

Equine Selection and Evaluation

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Basic study of selection and evaluation of horses for various uses, including halter and performance events.

Prerequisite: AGR 302 – Horse Science

III. **PURPOSE:**

To enable students to judge halter and performance classes and present oral reasons. The student should also be able to describe the important factors in selecting a horse and marketing the horse.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

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

A. Define terms associated with the judging of horses.
B. Describe factors to consider in judging halter and performance classes.
C. List desirable and undesirable characteristics of judging.
D. Explain the system of examination and characteristics of judging.
E. Complete a chart on evaluation of unsoundness and defects.
F. Write and give orally, favorable comparisons and criticisms for performance and halter classes.
G. List general considerations in selecting a horse.
H. List means and techniques of marketing.
I. Complete a proposal for a research project.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

A. Parts of a horse.
B. Ideal characteristics.
C. Judging of mares, stallions, and geldings (halter).
D. Judge performance (pleasure, hunter under saddle, reining, western riding, etc.)
E. Uses of correct terminology.
F. Opportunity to judge in intercollegiate competition.

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Classroom assignments.
B. Films.
C. Videotapes.
D. Field trips.
E. Judging trips.

VII. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

None.

VIII. RESOURCES:

None.

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:

Will be tested over material covered in class, outside assignments, and performance of judging.

Exam procedure: All exams will be taken at scheduled time, unless prior approval of instructor is given. All make-up exams will be taken during finals week.

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. Three 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:

None.

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 302 – Horse Science

XIV. STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:

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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.