I. **TITLE:**

Professional Experience in Horticulture

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Designed to provide on-the-job training in various horticultural enterprises such as golf courses, florist shops, greenhouse operations, and garden centers under the supervision of a horticulture professor.

Prerequisite: The student must have formal course work that relates to the enterprise in which they are getting their experience.

III. **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this course is to make the student more competent in the practical aspects of horticulture.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

A. To develop practical skills in the student that are unable to be developed in a normal business setting.
B. To make the student knowledgeable about the operation of certain horticultural enterprises.
C. To better prepare the student to enter the work force when leaving the university.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

Since this is not a formal course and students will be working at various types of enterprises, there is no formal content outline.

VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Students will learn by doing after their supervisors demonstrate the various methods utilized in the business.

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

Students will learn about the proper facilities and equipment needed for their specific enterprise. They will learn about dealing with people in the work place and various day-to-day work activities required in their specific enterprise.
VIII. RESOURCES:

Various types of horticultural enterprises in the region and the nation.

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:

The grade received for this class will be based upon a term report that is written concerning their work experience, as well as, an evaluation made by their supervisor on the job. The term report will constitute 50% of the grade, 30% will be based on an oral presentation to one of the horticulture classes or clubs with the remaining 20% based upon the evaluation by the supervisor. The School of Agriculture will require 300 hours of work to be performed for full credit.

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:**

The student must have formal course work that relates to the enterprise in which they are getting their experience.

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.