MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY
COURSE SYLLABUS OUTLINE

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE NUMBER: AGR 463                        CREDIT HOURS: 3

I.   TITLE:

Horticultural Therapy

II.  CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Exploring the therapeutic modality that focuses on improving human health and functioning through the use of horticultural programs. The profession of horticultural therapy is based on a medical model and is used both nationally and internationally. This course studies the different client populations that benefit from the therapy and how to set treatment goals based on a client’s need.

III. PURPOSE:

This course introduces students to the history, philosophy, and implementation of horticultural therapy programs and practices, both in the United States and abroad.

IV.  COURSE OBJECTIVES:

A. To understand the history and practices of horticultural therapy.
B. To design and implement targeted population activities.
C. To distinguish the difference between therapeutic, vocational, and social programs.
D. To understand the beneficial relationships between plants and people.

V.  CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Introductions
B. Populations using horticultural therapy
C. Topics within the field
D. Mock therapeutic sessions
E. Selected topics facing therapists

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Lectures
B. Demonstrations
C. Laboratory exercises
D. Interactions with professionals in the field through electronic means

VII. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

Students will participate and lead mock group therapy sessions.

VIII. RESOURCES:

A. Greenhouses (greenhouse and outdoor plant materials)
B. Classrooms in Oakley and at the Pullen Farm
C. Internet

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:

There will be three exams at 10% each and will cover 1/3 of the lecture material on each test (total of 30%), 10% will be a population report, 20% will come from regularly assigned homework, 10% from group critiques, 20% from group lab assignments and 10% for attendance.

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:**


XIII. **PREREQUISITES:**

None

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 regarding nondiscrimination policies contact the Office of Equal Opportunities, 270-809-3155.

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.