I. **TITLE:**
Practicum in Agricultural Education, Extension, and Public Service Leadership

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**
A comprehensive course in Agricultural Education, Extension, and Public Service Leadership. Topics include instructional and operational methods for the discipline, extension field tours, and mentoring experiences, supervised visits in an educational or public service setting or agency, and completion of practicum/professional clinical hours. Prerequisites: AED 380 or six hours of discipline specific hours within agriculture. (Fall/Spring/Summer)

III. **PURPOSE:**
To enable students to gain practicum/professional/clinical hours and practice instructional and field deliveries under the direct supervision of MSU faculty and are resource persons.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**
A. Demonstrate an understanding of the philosophy and objectives of Agricultural and Extension Education (Standard 1, 3, 6).
B. Identify proper methods of instructional delivery and curriculum management; to include problem solving, lecture, discussion, demonstration, laboratory, and the greenhouse environment (Standard 2, 3, 9).
C. Determine the role of the agricultural educator or extension leader in the community including participation in area vents and programmatic planning (Standard 6).
D. Provide students with practicum/professional hour completion within the discipline of agriculture in a professional, governmental, or private or public/private service position.
V. CONTENT OUTLINE:

A. Instructional methods/resources
B. Practice delivery methods
C. Practicum/professional/clinical hour completion

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Practicum/clinical/professional hours under the supervision of faculty within the appropriate setting.

VII. FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:

A. Area resources
B. Collaboration with area schools, universities, governmental agencies, and private not-for-profit agencies in agriculture and natural resources.

VIII. RESOURCES:

A. Departmental
B. University
C. Community resources

IX. GRADING PROCEDURES:

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Grades will be assessed as follows:

- 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.
XI. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:

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 other 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.

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:

To be determined.

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AED 380 or six hours of discipline specific courses within agriculture.

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.