I. **TITLE:**

Animal Technology Internship

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Practical full-time work experience to be arranged through a veterinary practice or related facility. Site to be arranged by the student and approved by the course coordinator. Prerequisites: AGR 100, 310, 322, 329, 332, 331/501, 540, 550 and 2 Animal Tech electives.

*To receive graduate credit for this course, a student must be admitted to graduate studies prior to registering for the course.*

III. **PURPOSE:**

To provide the student an opportunity to take what has been learned at the university and to apply that knowledge in a day to day working environment.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

A. To allow students to gain self-confidence.
B. To allow students to master various skills.
C. To allow outside evaluations of students ability and performance.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

N/A

VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

The extern mentor is to provide as much hands on experience as possible, through a clinical environment. This may include receiving clients, surgical preparation, anesthetizing animals, surgical assistance, animal nursing, office management, research, animal care, feeding, etc.
VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

Prior to being allowed to sign up for this experience, a student must take a written and skill test designed by the faculty in the overall program. The student must score at least a 75 percentile on both sections prior to being able to fulfill this requirement. A minimum of 300 hours of clinical experience is required to complete this course.

Based on the practicum site.

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

Site of practicum will dictate the resources available.

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

Grades will be based upon an extern mentor’s evaluation, a diary of daily activities performed, and completion of a clinical survey. Each making up 33.3% of the grade.

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:**

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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.