I. TITLE: Agriculture Senior Capstone

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This is a senior capstone course culminating in students demonstrating general knowledge in the agriculture core curricula, demonstrating completed knowledge in the student’s chosen option within agriculture science, and a exit interview. Students will also have an opportunity to share insight into the direction and future of the School of Agriculture by sharing comments on educational effectiveness.

Prerequisites: AGR 099, AGR 100, AGR 130, AGR 133, AGR 140/160/240, AGR 170, AGR 199, AGR 339, AGR 345, and AGR 399

III. PURPOSE:

To provide students with a comprehensive review of the agriculture core. To provide students with a comprehensive review of their individual agriculture option. Reviews should prepare the agriculture students for professional exams in the field of agriculture and for successful entry into the job market.

IV. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

A. Review and test students for general knowledge exam/proficiencies for the agriculture core courses.
B. Review and test students for general knowledge exam/proficiencies for the agriculture option.
C. Provide innovative speakers with insight into a global agricultural industry
D. Administer an oral exit interview of perceptions of School of Agriculture educational effectiveness and quality.

V. CONTENT OUTLINE

1. Reviews for Option Specific Exam and Senior Exit Exam
2. Senior Exit Exam and Option Specific Exam
3. MAP Report
4. Graduation Packet
5. Written Assignment (for Senior Portfolio)
6. Oral Assignment (for Senior Portfolio)
7. Oral Assignment (for Senior Portfolio)
8. Final Resume (for Senior Portfolio)
9. Graduate School Information
10. Being an MSU SOA Alumni Information-Giving
11. Soft Skills and How to be Professional
12. Senior Portfolio due
13. Senior Interviews
14. Senior Exit Exam and Option Specific Exam
15. Senior Exit Interview

VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

A. Review of agriculture core curricula
B. Review of option specific classes
C. Exit exams
D. Exit interview

VII. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:

N/A

VIII. RESOURCES:

A. Power Point
B. Guest Lectures
C. Small Group Discussion
D. Outlines of core and option classes
E. Practice exams

IX. GRADUATE LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

*A student cannot receive graduate credit for this course.

X. GRADING PROCEDURES:

90 – 100 = A
80 – 89 = B
70 – 79 = C
60 – 69 = D
Below 60 = E
XI. ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Please refer to the most current copy of Murray State University’s Undergraduate Bulletin.

XII. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:

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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.

XIII. TEXT AND REFERENCES:

N/A

XIV. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 099, AGR 100, AGR 130, AGR 133, AGR 140/160/240, AGR 170, AGR 199, AGR 339, AGR 345, and AGR 399

XV. 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).
XVI. **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 on vibrate and out of sight and use (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 use their phone 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.