SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

COURSE NUMBER: AGR 614  CREDIT HOURS: 3

I. **TITLE:**

Teaching Techniques in Horsemanship

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

Designed for students interested in teaching techniques of teaching horsemanship. Course includes preparation and application of lesson plans.

Prerequisites: AGR 304 or AGR 306

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

III. **PURPOSE:**

To enable students to be effective instructors in the art of horsemanship in the stock and hunt seat style of equitation.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

After completion of this course, the student should be able to:

A. Teach proper care and handling of the horse.
B. Properly instruct students in rules of safety.
C. Teach correct tacking mounting procedures.
D. Explain correct position while in the saddle.
E. Explain proper aids.
F. Evaluate students fairly and with equality.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

A. Planning a calendar of events
B. Preparing lesson plans
C. Teaching in classroom situations and in riding area
D. Private instructions and group instructions
E. Evaluation of individual students
VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

A. Teaching class  
B. Preparing lesson plans  
C. Outside written assignments  
D. Video tape evaluations of ones teaching skills

VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

AGR 101 (Basic Horsemanship) as lab

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

No lab required. AGR 101 (Basic Horsemanship) as lab.

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

Evaluated on written reports, performance in class, attendance, and effective communication with member of class used in lab.

90 – 100 = A  
80 – 89 = B  
70 – 79 = C  
60 – 69 = D  
Below 60 = E

Graduate students taking this course for credit are required to write a comprehensive term paper. Topic will be assigned by the instructor.

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:**

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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.

XII. TEXT AND REFERENCES:

*Learning to Ride, Hunt, and Show*, Gordon Wright

XIII. PREREQUISITES:

AGR 304 or AGR 306

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 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.