I. **TITLE:**

Graduate Seminar II

II. **CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

A graduate study concerning research projects, creative components, thesis defense, and/or work experience including student and/or faculty discussions. Graduate students must enroll in this course during the last semester of graduate enrollment.

III. **PURPOSE:**

This course is a Core Requirement for the Master of Science Degree in Agriculture. Each student should plan to take this class during their last semester of enrollment in the graduate program. This course is to allow students to demonstrate their ability to present the results of their research and/or creative component and to assist with the development of presentation skills.

IV. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

A. To finalize submissions required for the completion of the graduate program.
B. To select a problem to research.
C. To outline the problem.
D. To study the problem.
E. To report on the problem.

V. **CONTENT OUTLINE:**

A. Review and Update of Graduate Procedures and Paperwork
B. Scheduled Presentations on Current Issues in Agriculture
C. Graduate Student Presentations
D. Written Comprehensive Examinations
E. Oral Comprehensive Examinations

VI. **INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

The problem-solving procedure, involving individual study and conference with the professor directing the seminar.
VII. **FIELD AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCES:**

The field and clinical experiences will be determined by the type of study or presentation.

VIII. **RESOURCES:**

A. Guest Speakers  
B. University Agriculture Faculty  
C. Other Graduate Student Presentations

IX. **GRADING PROCEDURES:**

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X. **ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Please refer to the most current copy of the Murray State University's *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 of 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 *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 required; handouts.

XIII. **PREREQUISITES:**

Enrollment in the Graduate Agriculture Program

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.