

Do you offer Equestrian Team Scholarships?

Equestrian Team Riding Scholarships are not available at this time, but students majoring in agriculture or minoring in equine science are eligible for School of Agriculture scholarships. For more information contact the School of Agriculture office at (270) 809-3329. Murray State University offers numerous scholarships each year including the Equine Leadership Scholarship. Scholarship applications are due by January 15th of each academic year.

Can I bring my horse to school?

If you have a horse and want to bring it to college with you, the Equine Center does have stalls available by application only. To download application please visit the School of Agriculture Equine Center website at http://www.murraystate.edu/agr/facilities/equinecenter/equinecenter_right.htm.

What fees I am responsible for?

The team receives no outside funding as we are entirely self-sufficient. This means we do many fund-raisers in order to generate the revenue to offset our expenses. We usually make enough to pay our transportation expenses for the regular show season with a little left over. The remaining expenses are prorated among the team members traveling to shows. Entry fees are \$20.00 per class, membership fees to the IHSA are \$30.00 per year. All students are responsible for paying for their own meals (this varies per student).

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Equestrian Team

What riding styles and classes does the Murray State University Equestrian Team compete in?

The Murray State University Equestrian Team rides Western Horsemanship, Western Reining; and Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat and over Fences.

Western Horsemanship

Riders participating in Western Horsemanship compete one of the following divisions: Beginner Walk-Trot, Intermediate Horsemanship I, Intermediate Horsemanship II, Novice Horsemanship, Advanced Horsemanship II or Open Horsemanship. Only riders competing in Open Western Horsemanship are eligible to compete in the Open Reining Pattern Class.

Hunt Seat Equitation

Riders participating in Hunt Seat Equitation must ride one of the following Flat divisions: Walk-Trot, Walk-Trot-Canter, Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter, Novice on the Flat, Intermediate on the Flat and Open on the Flat. Only riders participating in Novice, Intermediate or Open Equitation on the Flat are eligible to compete in Novice, Intermediate or Open Equitation over Fences.

When do I tryout for the team?

Tryouts for the equestrian team are held at the beginning of each semester. Students trying out for the team will be placed in the division that best suits the student's riding ability and experience based on guidelines set by Intercollegiate Horse Showing Association (IHSA).

What grade point average do I have to maintain to be eligible for the team?

All riders on the equestrian team must maintain a grade point average (GPA) of at least a 2.0 (4.0 scale). Grades are checked both at mid-term and the end of each semester.

How many credit hours do I have to take each semester? Do I have to take a riding class?

All riders must be enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours in order to be considered a full-time student. All team members must be enrolled in at least one university riding class per year.

Hands-on equitation courses offered include the following:

AGR 101 Basic Horsemanship
AGR 102 Beginner Hunt Seat Equitation
AGR 103 Intermediate Hunt Seat Equitation
AGR 104 Advanced Hunt Seat Equitation
AGR 106 Beginner Stock Seat Equitation
AGR 107 Intermediate Stock Seat Equitation
AGR 108 Advanced Stock Seat Equitation
AGR 201 Intermediate Horsemanship
AGR 304 Advanced Stock Seat
AGR 306 Advanced Forward Seat

Do I have to own my own horse and equipment?

Students are not required to have their own horse at the university in order to become a member of the equestrian team. The university supplies horses and all equipment. Riders are responsible for their own riding outfits and boots. Appropriate footwear with a heel is required for all classes and practices.

What if I am interested in the team, but I am not an experienced rider?

Students do not have to be experienced in order to tryout for the equestrian team. The team needs riders with different levels of experience and ability. It is to your advantage to start out in as low of a division as you can. As riders compete they earn points throughout the year and can elevate to a higher division(s).

Where and when is practice held?

All practices will be held in the Equine Instructional Riding Facility. The facility is located on the university's West Farm Complex, one mile from the main campus. Hunt Seat Flat practice is held on Tuesday nights, with jumping on Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Stock Seat practice is on Thursday nights at 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. All students must attend practices and other related activities.

Who do we compete against?

Murray State University Equestrian Team participates in Zone V, Region I of the Intercollegiate Horse Showing Association (IHSA). The team competes against the following colleges and universities in the region: Western Kentucky University, Middle Tennessee State University, Vanderbilt University, University of Tennessee - Martin, University of Tennessee - Knoxville, University of the South, Maryville College, Rhodes College and Mississippi State University.