

Teams and Clubs

The extracurricular equine activities at MSU are one of the many ways in which MSU graduates earn not only a degree, but an education. The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Hunt and Stock teams, the Dressage Club, and Rodeo Team each provide unique opportunities for students to apply the skills they have and the ones they have learned in a fun and competitive environment.

The Rodeo Club, Horseman's Club, and Dressage Club also provide opportunities to be involved for students who do not want to ride on the teams.

Team and club membership assists students in developing sportsmanship, leadership, and organizational skills necessary for them to become successful professionals in the equine industry.



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Equine Programs



Equine Science

Murray State's Equine Science emphasis is designed for students whose primary interest is in the science or technical aspect of the industry. It is designed for those who want to pursue a career in the hands-on technical portion or to further their education in a graduate program specializing in Nutrition, Reproduction, Exercise Physiology or Teaching. Our curriculum offers a wide range of classes including : Equine Reproduction, Exercise Physiology and Basic Health care.

Possible Careers include:

- Technical consultant
- College/University faculty
- Veterinarian



Equine Management



The Equine Management emphasis is set up for students whose interest is in managing an equine facility or being involved in other equine businesses. This course of study prepares you for careers in the facility and business management aspects of the industry. Our curriculum has a balance of business and financial courses as well as hands-on equine laboratories.

Possible careers include:

- Facility Operator
- Farm/ Ranch Management
- Breeding Management
- Equine Assisted Activities and Therapy

Equine Science Minor

The Equine Science minor is designed for those students who are looking to get a basic, well-rounded knowledge of the horse industry to supplement another major. Popular majors include Agricultural Business Management or Animal Health Technologies, where students get an equine minor so they can specialize in the horse industry. The minor requires 21 hours of equine courses, including both riding and classroom classes, in addition to those required in the student's selected major.

In the Beginning...

The Murray State Equine Program was developed in the early 1970's, starting with less than 10 horses, 4 classes, and a handful of students. In the late 1970's, the University became involved with the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. Since then, undergraduate equestrians have been highly competitive, winning both regional and national championships. Through generous industry and donor support, as well as the compliments of graduates, the program has grown tremendously. Today, the MSU equine program provides hundreds of students opportunities to succeed in their chosen careers.