

## Murray State Equine

*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 IHSA Hunt, IHSA Stock, and Dressage teams each provide unique opportunities for students to apply the skills they learn in class in a fun and competitive environment. Team membership assists students not only in developing riding skills, but also in developing the sportsmanship, leadership, and organizational skills necessary to be successful professionals in equine careers.*



Murray State Equestrian Center



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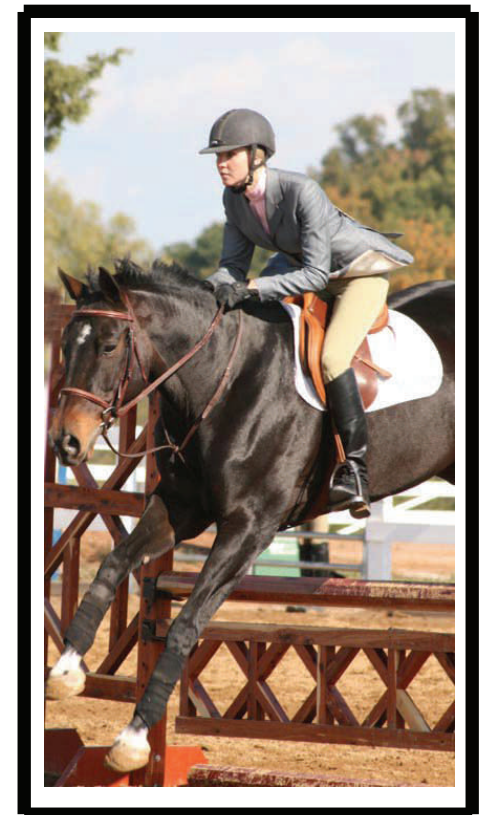
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## Equine Teams





Murray State is proud of our deep roots in the “Blue Grass” State’s equestrian traditions. We strive to uphold these values by offering many different opportunities for those who are interested in the area of Animal and Equine Science, with the option to focus intensely on their particular avenue of interest. The MSU equine teams are just some of the many opportunities that allow our students to take their passion far beyond the classroom.



**Each team within the Murray State University Equestrian Program offers a unique set of opportunities for members. Some general guidelines for the various teams are as follows:**

### **Eligibility**

All riders on the equine teams must maintain a grade point average of at least a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

All riders must be also enrolled in at least 12 college credit hours in order to be considered a full-time student. Students from all majors are welcome to participate.

### **Styles and Classes**

#### *IHSA Hunt Team*

The Hunt Team offers divisions for beginning riders through advanced riders. Competitions include both flat classes and over fence classes.

#### *IHSA Stock Team*

Stock Team riders compete in divisions that range from beginning walk/trot, through advanced. Class types include rail work, pattern work, and reining.

#### *Dressage Team*

The Dressage Team welcomes riders from beginner, starting at the “Green as Grass” test, through First Level, Test One.

### **Fees**

Fees vary per team. Generally, team members are responsible for local and national dues, class fees, and a sponsorship. The teams host fund raising events throughout the school year to help offset the costs associated with team membership.

### **Horses and Equipment**

#### *IHSA Hunt and Stock Teams:*

Students are not required to have their own horse at the university in order to become a member of the Equestrian Teams. 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.

#### *Dressage Team:*

Similar to the Ranch Horse Team, Dressage Team members may ride personal horses or school horses. Team members are responsible for their own tack and attire.



### **Tryouts**

Tryouts are held in the fall of each academic year for IHSA teams and the Dressage Team. Tryouts are held twice per year for the Ranch Horse Team. All interested students are encouraged to try out.

### **Scholarships**

All Murray State students studying equine are encouraged to apply for scholarships. For more information visit [www.murraystate.edu](http://www.murraystate.edu). Scholarship applications are due January 15th of each academic year.