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.

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Murray State Equestrian Center
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. Scholarship applications are due January 15th of each academic year.