

# **AEB 4123: Agricultural and Natural Resource Law**

## **SECTION 0084**

[ THREE CREDITS ]

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

**SPRING 2015**

TUESDAY

**4<sup>TH</sup> PERIOD**

**[10:40AM - 11:30AM]**

THURSDAY

**4<sup>TH</sup> AND 5<sup>TH</sup> PERIODS**

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**MCCARTY HALL A, ROOM 2196**

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**McCarty Hall A, Room 2196**

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**Text:** Instructor text is to be purchased at Target Copy 1412 West University Avenue / 376-3826 or 3422 SW Archer Road / 372-1171

### Course Objectives

1. Introduce the student to Agricultural Law.
2. To encourage the student's analysis of legal issues and concepts as applied to agriculture.
3. To generate critical thinking in matters related to agricultural production, natural resources, and environmental liability.
4. To provide students with practical information that can be used personally and professionally.

### Attendance

Attendance is important. The student's success in this class will be dependent upon their participation and the amount and quality of effort expended. Students will be held responsible for material covered in class. *Absences can be costly.* **Roll will be taken.** As a courtesy to fellow students and the instructor, students are expected to arrive on time. If the student cannot arrive on time because of extenuating circumstance, the student is strongly encouraged to meet with the instructor during the first week of classes. Students engaged in officially sanctioned University of Florida activities are encouraged to provide this information to the instructor during the first week of classes.

Students are allowed two unexcused class absences. This policy does not apply when guest lecturers are scheduled. Students with more than two unexcused class absences will be dropped a **one-half a letter grade**. Students with more than three late arrivals will have **five (5) points deducted** from the final class grade. Attendance and on-time arrival will account for 6% of the student's grade.

### Lids Down/Messaging Policy

**Laptops are not permitted to be used in class. Text messaging, cell phones and other forms of cyber communication are not to be used in class and must be turned off prior to class and during exams. TEXT MESSAGING WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN CLASS! TEXT MESSAGING IN CLASS WILL COUNT AS AN UNEXCUSED ABSENCE.**

### Grades and Grade Points

For information on current UF policies for assigning grade points, see <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

**Exams**

There are no make-up exams.

Make-up exams may be allowed if documentation regarding the missed exam is provided to the instructor. Students are encouraged to inform the instructor of an absence before the exam.

Documentation may be provided later. A make-up date and location will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Exam 1	February	5
Exam 2	February	26
Exam 3	March	24
Exam 4	April	21

**Final Grade**

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

**Grading**

Exam	23.50%
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Attendance & On Time Arrival	6.0%

**It is the student's responsibility to maintain their own records.**

**To assist you in maintaining your own records, a record-keeping form has been included at the end of this course material packet.**

**Grading Scale**

92 - 100	A
88 - 91.99	A-
85 - 87.99	B+
82 - 84.99	B
78 - 81.99	B-
75 - 77.99	C+
72 - 74.99	C
68 - 71.99	C-
65 - 67.99	D+
62 - 64.99	D
60 - 61.99	D-
Less than 60	E

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**Extra Credit** No individual student will be given the opportunity to earn extra credit or bonus points unless the opportunity is extended to all students.

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**Services for Students with Disabilities**

The Disability Resource Center coordinates the needed accommodations of students with disabilities. This includes registering disabilities, recommending academic accommodations within the classroom, accessing special adaptive computer equipment, providing interpretation services and mediating faculty-student disability related issues. Students requesting classroom accommodations must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the instructor when requesting accommodation.

In order to provide timely assistance to the student, students requiring classroom accommodations are encouraged to provide documentation to the instructor *within the first two weeks of class*.

0020 Reid Hall, 352-392-8565 [www.dso.ufl.edu/dre/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/dre/)

## Academic Honesty

As a student at the University of Florida, you have committed yourself to uphold the Honor Code, which includes the following pledge: *"We the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity."* You are expected to exhibit behavior consistent with this commitment to the UF academic community, and on all work submitted for credit at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied:

*"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."*

It is assumed that you will complete all work independently in each course unless the instructor provides explicit permission for you to collaborate on course tasks (e.g. assignments, papers, quizzes, exams). Furthermore, as part of your obligation to uphold the Honor Code, you should report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. It is your individual responsibility to know and comply with all university policies and procedures regarding academic integrity and the Student Honor Code. Violations of the Honor Code at the University of Florida will not be tolerated. Violations will be reported to the Dean of Students Office for consideration of disciplinary action. For more information regarding the Student Honor Code, please see: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code>

## Online Course Evaluation Process

Student assessment of instruction is an important part of efforts to improve teaching and learning. At the end of the semester, students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course using a standard set of university and college criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. Evaluations are typically open for students to complete during the last two or three weeks of the semester; students will be notified of the specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assignments are available to students at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>

## Campus Helping Resources

Students experiencing crises or personal problems that interfere with their general well-being are encouraged to utilize the university's counseling resources. The Counseling & Wellness Center provides confidential counseling services at no cost for currently enrolled students. Resources are available on campus for students having personal problems or lacking clear career or academic goals which interfere with their academic performance.

- *University Counseling & Wellness Center*, 3190 Radio Road, 352-392-1575  
[www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx)  
Counseling Services  
Groups and Workshops  
Outreach and Consultation  
Self-Help Library  
Wellness Coaching
- *Career Resource Center*, First Floor JWRU, 392-1601, [www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)
- *University Police Department* 392-1111 or 911 for emergencies

## Counseling Related to Personal Issues

The University and Gainesville Community offer a number of personal counseling services for students at the University of Florida. Contact the appropriate agency listed below.

- **Alachua County Crisis Center** ..... 264-6789  
[www.alachuacounty.us/depts/css/crisis/](http://www.alachuacounty.us/depts/css/crisis/)  
 Crisis Line phone counseling is available 24/7  
 218 SE 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
  
- National Suicide Hotline and Veterans Crisis Line ..... 1-800-273-8255

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- **Career Resource Center** ..... 392-1601  
[www.crc.ufl.edu/](http://www.crc.ufl.edu/)  
 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Reitz Union, Box 118507

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- **Corner Drug Store**  
[www.cdsfl.org](http://www.cdsfl.org)  
 1300 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville FL 32601  
 (Gainesville) Counseling/Prevention ..... 244-0628  
 (Gainesville) Youth Talk Counseling/Prevention ..... 244-0666

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- **International Center** ..... 392-5323  
[www.ufic.ufl.edu](http://www.ufic.ufl.edu)  
 Assistance is provided for International students at the University.  
 HUB, Room 170

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- **The Dean of Students Office, formerly Office for Student Services** ..... 392-1261  
[www.dso.ufl.edu](http://www.dso.ufl.edu)  
 A staff member is available to assist students.  
 Peabody Hall, Room 202 Box 114075

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- **Student Health Care Center**  
**EMERGENCY HEALTH/CRISIS INFORMATION** ..... 392- 1161  
<http://shcc.ufl.edu>  
**Locations:**  
**Main Clinic:** Infirmary Building (located on Fletcher Drive next to the Florida Gym ..... 392-1161  
**SHCC@Shands:** Dental Towers/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room D2-49 ..... 392-0627  
**SHCC@CorryVillage:** Corry Village Housing Complex, Building 278, Apartment12 ..... 392-1433

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- **UF Counseling Center** ..... 392-1575  
 Counseling & Wellness Center  
[www.counsel.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx](http://www.counsel.ufl.edu/cwc/Default.aspx)  
 A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.  
 3190 Radio Road/Campus / Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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- **The Disability Resource Center** ..... 392-8565  
[www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)  
 0020 Reid Hall  
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Name:

Local Address:

City

State

Zip

email:

Major:

Career Objectives:

Hometown/Country:

I have read and understand the provisions of the course syllabus and agree to abide by those provisions, including the University of Florida's academic honesty guidelines.

Academic Honesty

As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "We, the members of the University of Florida Community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity. On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

Software Use

All faculty, staff and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

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Name printed Name signed

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Date

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 Course Outline

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Date	Subject Area	Date	Subject Area
Tue 1/6	Orientation	Tue 2/24	Property Law, continued
Thur 1/8	History and Legal Concepts	Thur 2/26	4 <sup>th</sup> Period: <b>EXAM 2</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Period: Property Law, continued
Tues 1/13	History and Legal Concepts, <i>continued</i> Introduction to Agricultural Law	Tue 3/3	<b>Spring Break</b>
Thur 1/15	Introduction to Agricultural Law continued Government Regulation of Agriculture	Thur 3/5	
Tue 1/20	Government Regulation of Agriculture, <i>continued</i> Agricultural Production and Environmental Law	Tue 3/10	Property Law, <i>continued</i>
Thur 1/22	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Thur 3/12	Tort Law
Tue 1/27	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Tue 3/17	Tort Law, <i>continued</i>
Thur 1/29	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Thur 3/19	Tort Law, <i>continued</i> Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code
Tue 2/3	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Tue 3/24	<b>EXAM 3</b>
Thur 2/5	4 <sup>th</sup> Period: <b>EXAM 1</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Period Water Law Overview	Thur 3/26	<b>Class cancelled</b>
Tue 2/10	Water Law Overview, <i>continued</i>	Tue 3/31	Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code, <i>continued</i>
Thur 2/12	Florida Water Law	Thur 4/2	Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code continued Introduction to Farm Business Entities
Tue 2/17	Florida Water Law, <i>continued</i> Coastal Zone Management and Agriculture	Tue 4/7	Introduction to Farm Business Entities continued
Thur 2/19	Coastal Zone Management, <i>continued</i> Property Law	Thur 4/9	Introduction to Farm Business Entities, <i>continued</i>
		Tue 4/14	Workplace Discrimination
		Thur 4/16	Workplace Discrimination continued
		Tue 4/21	<b>EXAM 4</b>