AEB 4123: Agricultural and Natural Resource Law

Section 4943

Course Syllabus

Spring 2013

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[8:30AM - 10:25AM]

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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 if guest lecturers are scheduled. Students with more than two unexcused class absences will be dropped a full letter grade. Students with more than three late arrivals will be dropped one-half a letter grade. Attendance and on-time arrival will account for 10% 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.
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 7
Exam 2  February 28
Exam 3  March 28
Exam 4  April 18

Final Grade
The final grade will be calculated as follows:

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Do not ask for previous exam scores.
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

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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.

Disability Clause

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide that documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

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

Dean of Students Office
Peabody Hall, Room 202
352-392-1261

Academic Honesty

Each of you signed an agreement to adhere to the academic honesty guidelines when you were admitted to the University of Florida. I fully expect adherence to these guidelines. To refresh your recollection, a copy of UF guidelines is attached with an accompanying form for your signature.
The Commitment to Academic Honesty

"I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the University."

ACTS OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

I. Taking Information

- copying graded homework from another student
- working together on a take-home test or homework when specifically prohibited by the professor
- looking at another student's paper during an exam

II. Tendering Information

- giving your work to another to be copied
- giving someone answers to exam questions during the exam
- after taking an exam, informing a person in another section, of questions that appear on the exam
- giving or selling a term paper to another student

III. Plagiarism

- copying homework answers from your text and handing them in for a grade
- quoting test or other works on an exam, term paper or homework without citation
- handing in a paper purchased from a term paper service
- re-typing a friend's paper and handing it in as your own
- taking a paper from fraternity/sorority files and handing it in as your own

IV. Conspiracy

- planning with one or more students to commit any from of academic dishonesty together
- giving your term paper to another student who you know will plagiarize it

V. Misrepresentation

- having another student do your computer program
- lying to a professor to increase your grade

VI. Bribery

- offering money, any item or service to a faculty member or any other person to gain academic advantage for yourself or another
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**  
  Crisis Line phone counseling is available 24/7  
  218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641  
  National Suicide Hotline ................................................................. 1-800-784-2433

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

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

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

- **Student Health Care Center**  
  **EMERGENCY HEALTH/CRISIS INFORMATION**  
  Gator Well Alcohol & other drug programs ...................................... 273-4450  
  A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.  
  [http://shcc.ufl.edu](http://shcc.ufl.edu)  
  **Victim Services** ................................................................. 392-5648  
  After hours..................................................................................... 392-1111  
  **Locations:**  
  **Main Clinic:** Infirmary Building (located on Fletcher Drive next to the Florida Gym) ........................................... 392-1161  
  **SHCC@Shands:** Dental Towers/ 2nd Floor, Room D2-49 ................. 294-5700

- **UF Counseling Center**  
  A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.  
  3190 Radio Road  
  Monday - Tuesday, 8:00am - 7:00pm and Wednesday - Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm  
  402 Peabody Hall, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday -Friday............................ 392-1576  
  Crisis walkins  
  [www.counseling.ufl.edu](http://www.counseling.ufl.edu)

- **Students with Disabilities**  
  Disability Resource Center  
  Room 001 Reid Hall  
  [www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/](http://www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/)

*updated Fall 2012*
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: “I understand that the University of Florida expects its students to be honest in all their academic work. I agree to adhere to this commitment to academic honesty and understand that my failure to comply with this commitment may result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the University”.

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.

We, the members of the University of Florida Community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Name printed ___________________________ Name signed ___________________________

Date ___________________________
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