AGRICULTURAL RISK MANAGEMENT
AND
THE LAW

Instructor:
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Course Syllabus

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**Text**  
Professor Olexa’s text available at Target Copy: [1412 West University Avenue: 376-3826 and 3422 SW Archer Road: 372-1171]. Handout materials will also be made available at the beginning of each class period.

**Course Objectives**
1. Develop an understanding of the basic concepts of common and statutory law.
2. Identify and address current legal issues of importance at the personal and professional level.
3. Develop an understanding of risk.
5. Interrelate the concepts of risk management and law in limiting exposure to legal liability.

**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 and absences can be costly. **Roll will be taken.** Attendance is expected all the time, including guest lectures. Students are expected to arrive on time.

**Cellular Phones Must be Turned Off.**

If you must miss a class or arrive late and want to be excused, you must have written approval from the Dean of Student’s Office. The address is:............................... Dean of Student’s Office - 109 Peabody Hall 352-392-1...

**Exams**
Three exams will be given during the semester. Exams will be given on the following dates.
- Exam one: September 20
- Exam two: October 11
- Exam three: November 10

There are no make-up exams. (Make-up exams may be allowed if students inform instructors of long-term commitments during the first week of...
Homework / In-Class Activities

Students will be expected to participate in group class activities designed to address analysis of real world risk management applications. To further assist students in meeting this objective, web sites to access include:

- National Ag. Safety Database  http://www.cdc.gov/nasd
- Florida Ag. Safe Network  http://www.flagsafe.ufl.edu

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*"A Measure of Endurance: The Unlikely Triumph of Steven Sharp" by: William Mishler (2003). Dr. Lehtola has copies of the book available on loan.

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Academic Honesty

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

Disability Clause

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Any student who feels that an accommodation for a disability is in order is encouraged to consult with the instructor during the first week of class.

The Commitment to Academic Honesty

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

Acts of Academic Dishonesty

I. **Cheating:**
The improper taking or tendering of any information or material which shall be used to determine academic credit. Taking of information includes, but is not limited to, copying graded homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual(s) on a take-home test or homework when not specifically permitted by the teacher; looking or attempting to look at another student’s paper during an examination; looking or attempting to look at text or notes during an examination when not permitted. Tendering of information includes, but is not limited to, giving your homework to another student to be used or copied; giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after taking an exam; giving or selling a term paper or other written materials to another student; sharing information on a graded assignment.

III. **Plagiarism:**
The attempt to represent the work of another as the product of one’s own thought, whether the other’s work is published or unpublished, or simply the work of a fellow student. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting oral or written materials without citation on an exam, term paper, homework, other written materials or oral presentations for an academic requirement; submitting a paper which was purchased from a term paper service as your own work; submitting anyone else’s paper as your own work.

VI. **Bribery:**
The offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of any materials, items or services of value to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.

V. **Misrepresentation:**
Any act or omission with intent to deceive a teacher for academic advantage. Misrepresentation includes using computer programs generated by another and handing it in as your own work unless expressly allowed by the teacher; lying to a teacher to increase your grade; lying or misrepresenting facts when confronted with an allegation of academic dishonesty.

IV. **Conspiracy:**
The planning or acting with one or more persons to commit any form of academic dishonesty to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.

V. **Fabrication:**
The use of invented or fabricated information, or the falsification of research or other findings with the intent to deceive for academic or professional advantage.
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 hours a day.
  218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville 32641
  http://communityservices.alachua.fl.us/new/crisis/contact.htm
  
  Contact: 264-6789

- **Career Development Assistance and Counseling**
  
  Career Resource Center M-F; 8:00am - 4:30pm
  Reitz Union-1st Floor
  www.crc.ufl.edu
  
  Contact: 392-1601

- **Corner Drug Store**
  
  For assistance with drug and alcohol related problems.
  1300 NW 6th Street, Gainesville
  Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 7:30pm
  Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
  http://cornerdrugstore.org
  
  Contact: 334-3800

- **International Student Services**
  
  Assistance is provided for International students at the University.
  123 Grinter Hall
  Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
  www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss.htm
  
  Contact: 392-5323, ext. 600

- **The Dean of Students Office, formerly Office for Student Services**
  
  A staff member is available to assist students.
  P202 Peabody Hall
  Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
  http://oss.ufl.edu/
  
  Contact: 392-1261

- **Student Health Services**
  
  A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.
  Student Health Care Center (1 Fletcher Driver)
  Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
  shcc.ufl.edu/CARE
  
  Contact: 392-1161, ext. 4231

- **Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery and Education (CARE)**
  
  A Counselor is on-call 24 hours a day to assist with sexual assault issues.
  Student Health Care Center
  Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
  Weekends, On-Call
  www.health.ufl.edu/shcc/CARE.htm
  
  Contact: 392-1161

- **Campus Alcohol and Drug Resource Center**
  
  Information on drug and alcohol counseling is available to the University Community.
  P202 Peabody Hall
  Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
  
  Contact: 392-1171

- **Students Mental Health Services**
  
  A Mental Health Counselor is on-call 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies.
  Monday & Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm
  
  Contact: 392-1575
I have read and understand the provisions of the course syllabus and agree to abide by those provisions, including the University of Florida’s honor code.

Academic Honesty

As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: “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.

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

_______________________________ _________________________
Name printed                 Name signed

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Date
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