

AEB 4123: Agricultural and Natural Resource Law

Section 4943

[THREE CREDITS]

COURSE SYLLABUS

SPRING 2018

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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 **one-half a letter grade**. In addition, attendance and on-time class 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, Smart 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. Makeup exams are not curved.

Exam 1	February	8
Exam 2	February	27
Exam 3	March	29
Exam 4	April	24

Final Grade

The final grade will be calculated as follows:

Grading

Exam 1	23.50%
Exam 2	23.50%
Exam 3	23.50%
Exam 4	23.50%
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

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.

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.

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/drc/

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. See the Student Honor Code for further information.

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 assessments 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*
Counseling Services
Groups and Workshops
Outreach and Consultation
Self-Help Library
Wellness Coaching
- *Career Resource Center, Level 2, Room 2310 JWRU, 392-1601*
- *University Police Department 392-1111 or 911 for emergencies*



Counseling Related to Personal Issues

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- **Alachua County Crisis Center** 264-6789
www.alachuacounty.us/depts/css/crisis/
 Crisis Line phone counseling is available 24/7
 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641

 National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-8255

- **Career Resource Center** 392-1601
www.crc.ufl.edu/
 Level 2, Room 2310 Reitz Union, Box 118507

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

- **International Center** 392-5323
www.ufic.ufl.edu
 Assistance is provided for International students at the University.
 HUB, Room 170

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

- **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/ 2nd Floor, Room D2-49 392-0627
SHCC@CorryVillage: Corry Village Housing Complex, Building 278, Apartment12 392-6081

- **UF Counseling Center** 392-1575
 Counseling & Wellness Center
www.counsel.ufl.edu/cwc/
 A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.
 3190 Radio Road/Campus / Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

- **The Disability Resource Center** 392-8565
www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/
 001 Reid Hall
 Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- **Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center**376-1611
 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

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Name:

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

Date



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Date	Subject Area	Date	Subject Area
Tu 1/9	Orientation	Tu 2/27	EXAM 2
Thur 1/11	History and Legal Concepts	Thur 3/1	Property Law
Tu 1/16	History and Legal Concepts, <i>continued</i> Introduction to Agricultural Law	Tu 3/6	SPRING BREAK
Thur 1/18	Introduction to Agricultural Law continued Government Regulation of Agriculture	Thur 3/8	SPRING BREAK
		Tu 3/13	Property Law continued
Tu 1/23	Government Regulation of Agriculture, <i>continued</i>	Thur 3/15	Property Law, <i>continued</i> Tort Law
Thur 1/25	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law	Tu 3/20	Tort Law, <i>continued</i>
Tu 1/30	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Thur 3/22	Tort Law, <i>continued</i>
Thur 2/1	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Tu 3/27	Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code
Tu 2/6	Agricultural Production and Environmental Law, <i>continued</i>	Thur 3/29	EXAM 3
Thur 2/8	EXAM 1	Tu 4/3	Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code, <i>continued</i>
Tu 2/13	Water Law Overview	Thur 4/5	Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code, <i>continued</i>
Thur 2/15	Water Law Overview continued	Tu 4/10	Contracts and the Uniform Commercial Code, <i>continued</i> Introduction to Farm Business Entities
Tu 2/20	Florida Water Law Coastal Zone Management and Agriculture	Thur 4/12	Introduction to Farm Business Entities, <i>continued</i>
Thur 2/22	Coastal Zone Management continued	Tu 4/17	Introduction to Farm Business Entities, <i>continued</i> Workplace Discrimination
		Thur 4/19	Workplace Discrimination continued
		Tu 4/24	EXAM 4