



LAW 6474
Class 17743
Agricultural Law and Policy
2 Credit Hours
COURSE SYLLABUS

FALL 2018

MONDAY
8TH - 9TH PERIODS
3:00 PM - 4:40 PM

3:00PM - 3:50PM LECTURE
3:50PM - 4:00PM BREAK
4:00PM - 4:40PM LECTURE

HOLLAND HALL, ROOM 355 D

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Tuesday: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Levin College of Law
Tuesday: 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Holland Hall Room TBA
352- TBA

Required Text: Instructor's course materials are *required* for this course and may be purchased at the Levin College of Law Bookstore.

Course Objectives:

1. Introduce the student to job-ready agricultural policy issues related to land use and natural resource management in the production of food, fuel and fiber.
2. Provide the student with networking opportunities within the agricultural sector.
3. Enhance student employment opportunities within the agricultural sector by introducing students to regulatory matters related to land use and natural resource management.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Expectations for student learning outcomes in this course include:

1. A knowledge and understanding of key agricultural policy issues and the implementation of those policies through law and regulation.
2. An analysis and reasoning of current agricultural policy as influenced by the historical evolution of agricultural law and regulation within the agricultural sector.
3. Practice proper and ethical standards in dealing with farm and ranch clients and agricultural policy formulators at the state and federal levels of government.
4. Through instructor and guest lectures, provide the student with job ready skills for use in private and government agricultural legal practice.

Method By Which Students Will Be Evaluated and Their Grade Determined:

The final exam is scheduled for **Friday, November 30th** from **1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**. When available the room number will be announced. The two hour exam will consist of multiple choice and short answer essays. Class participation accounts for 20% of the student's final grade. Office hours will be held through Tuesday, November 21st in both the Colleges of Agriculture and Law. If you cannot make office hours, I will accommodate your schedule. Students will supply their own examination blue books.

Class Attendance Policy:

Law school attendance policy follows guidance of The American Bar Association (ABA) requiring the instructor to confirm student class attendance. As such, roll will be taken and absences recorded. As suggested by ABA guidance, students should be ineligible for course credit with class absences in excess of 15%. Additionally, University of Florida requirements can be found at <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

Policy Related To Make-up Exams and Student Work Load:

Law school policy on delay in taking exams can be located at:

<http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/academic-policies>. Student work load is subject to ABA Standard 310. As such, there should be a 2:1 ratio between out-of-class work and in-class instruction. For example, the student will spend approximately two hours of out-of-class preparation for each one hour of class instruction.

Current Law School Policies for Assigning Grade Points:

Located at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/student-affairs/current-students/academic-policies>



Lids Down/Lap Top, Smart Phone and Texting Policy:

As a professional courtesy to students in the class, lap top and smart phone use and texting are not permitted during class. The class is structured to eliminate the need for these devices. All are to be turned off prior to class.

Statement Related To Accommodations For Students With Disabilities:

STUDENTS REQUESTING CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS MUST FIRST REGISTER WITH THE UF DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/) 352-392-8565. THE DRC WILL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION TO THE STUDENT WHO MUST THEN PROVIDE THE DRC DOCUMENTATION TO THE LAW SCHOOL OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS.

Academic Honesty

To refresh your recollection, each of you signed an agreement to adhere to the academic honesty guidelines when you were admitted to the University of Florida.

Online Course Evaluation:

Course evaluation is important and can be found at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu>. While typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, students will be given specific times when the evaluation period is open. A summary of evaluation results can be found at <https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results>.

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** 352-264-6789
 Crisis Line phone counseling is available 24/7
 218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
www.alachuacounty.us/depts/css/crisis/
 National Suicide Hotline & Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255
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- **Career Resource Center** 352-392-1601
www.crc.ufl.edu
 Career Resource Center Reitz Union
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- **CDC Family and Behavioral Health Services**
www.cdsfl.org
 1300 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
 (Gainesville) Counseling/Prevention..... 352-244-0628
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- **International Center** 352-392-5323
www.ufic.ufl.edu
 Assistance is provided for International students at the University.
 HUB 1765 Stadium Road
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- **The Dean of Students Office, formerly Office for Student Services** 352-392-1261
www.dso.ufl.edu
 A staff member is available to assist students.
 Peabody Hall, Room 202
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- **Student Health Care Center**
EMERGENCY HEALTH/CRISIS INFORMATION 352-392-1161
<http://shcc.ufl.edu>
Locations:
Main Clinic: Infirmary Building (located on Fletcher Drive next to the Florida Gym) 352-392-1161
SHCC@Shands: Dental Towers/ 2nd Floor, Room D2-49 352-294-5700
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- **UF Counseling and Wellness Center** 352-392-1575
<http://www.counseling.ufl.edu>
 A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.
 3190 Radio Road/Campus / Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Also: Peabody Hall: 1404 Union Road
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- **The Disability Resource Center** 352-392-8565
www.dso.ufl.edu/drc/
 Reid Hall, Room 0002
 Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
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- **Malcom Randall VA Medical Center** 352-376-1611
 1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608

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AGRICULTURAL LAW AND POLICY

Fall 2018

Name: _____

Email: _____

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: "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, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Name printed

Name signed

Date: _____

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Lecture Outline

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Date	Subject Area	Lecturer
Aug 13	Agriculture: An Introduction	Olexa
Aug 20	Agriculture: An Introduction continued Introduction to Agricultural Law	Olexa
Aug 27	Introduction to Agricultural Law continued	Olexa
Sep 3	Holiday: Labor Day	
Sep 10	Florida Agricultural Law	Olexa
Sep 17	Florida Agricultural Law continued	Olexa
Sep 24	Agrichemical Use: Practitioner Field Issues	Olexa
Oct 1	Agrichemical Use: Practitioner Field Issues continued	Olexa
Oct 8	Looking Before You Leap: A Practical Guide To Conservation Easements	English
Oct 15	Water Management District Permitting: An Agricultural Perspective	Quincey
Oct 22	Part 1. Wetland Jurisdictional Determinations Part 2. Forensic Botany: Plants As Evidence	Hall
Oct 29	Marijuana Production: A New Agricultural Paradigm	Tedrow
Nov 5	Crop Insurance In Practice	Marzen
Nov 12	Holiday: Veterans Day	
Nov 19	Practicing Agricultural Law & Farming: A Juggling Act	Zinn
Nov 26	Exam/Course Review	Olexa
Nov 30	EXAM: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Room: To be announced