LAW 6474
Class 16054: Section 0832
Agricultural Law and Policy
2 Credit Hours
COURSE SYLLABUS

FALL 2019

MONDAY
8TH - 9TH PERIODS
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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HOLLAND HALL, ROOM 285 D
LAW 6474 Course Syllabus
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Instructor: Michael T. Olexa, Ph.D., J.D.
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Phone: 352-294-7693
e-mail: olexa@ufl.edu
Office Hours: College of Agricultural & Life Sciences
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 Tuesday, December 10 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, December 3 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, laptop 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:
"Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/students/. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via https://uf.blueraintelligence.com/uf/. Summaries of course evaluations results are available to students at https://gatorevals.ua.ufl.edu/public-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**
  Crisis Line phone counseling is available 24/7
  218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville, FL 32641
  www.alachua county.us/depts/css/crisis/
  National Suicide Hotline & Veterans Crisis Line
  1-800-273-8255

- **Career Resource Center**
  www.crc.ufl.edu
  352-392-1601
  Career Resource Center Reitz Union

- **CDC Family and Behavioral Health Services**
  www.cdcfl.org
  1300 NW 6th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601
  (Gainesville) Counseling/Prevention
  352-244-0628

- **International Center**
  www.ufic.ufl.edu
  Assistance is provided for international students at the University.
  HUB 1765 Stadium Road
  352-392-5323

- **The Dean of Students Office, formerly Office for Student Services**
  www.dso.ufl.edu
  A staff member is available to assist students.
  Peabody Hall, Room 202
  352-392-1261

- **Student Health Care Center**
  EMERGENCY HEALTH/CRISIS INFORMATION
  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

- **UF Counseling and Wellness Center**
  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
  352-392-1575

- **The Disability Resource Center**
  www.dso.ufl.edu/crc/
  Reid Hall, Room 0002
  Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
  352-392-6565

- **Malcom Randall VA Medical Center**
  1601 SW Archer Road, Gainesville, FL 32608
  352-376-1611
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: ___________________________
### Lecture Outline

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