

LA277
Agricultural Law and Policy
3 Credits

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Calendar Description

This course introduces the learner to select elements of the legal and political environment that plays a significant role in agribusiness. It provides students with the tools to understand and analyze both current and future agricultural laws and policies.

Rationale

This is a required course for the Agribusiness students.

It is important to note that the primary goal of this course is not to memorize the details of specific government policies but to critically assess and recognize laws and agriculture programs that affect the industry of which the students will be a part.

Prerequisites

None

Co-Requisites

None

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to

1. analyze agricultural law & policy.
2. display critical thinking in legal and policy matters related to agriculture production.
3. defend their position on an Agricultural Law and Policy.
4. follow current affairs articles from news magazines and other news sources.
5. analyze current affairs articles, both in discussion and in writing.
6. contribute to the process of dealing with national and world economic problems in agriculture.
7. apply the economic principles of marginal analysis and equimarginal analysis in production decisions.

Resource Materials

Require Text(s):

None

Reference Text(s):

None

Conduct of Course

Agriculture Law and Policy consists of a combination of approximately 42 hours of lecture and in-class work. Some class time may be designated for library investigation and internet research. Guest speakers may be utilized to illustrate subjects discussed in class.

Evaluation Procedures

Law Project/ Presentation	15%
Policy Project/Presentation	15%
Current Events Assignment	15%
Assignments and Quizzes	25%
Midterm Examination	15%
Final Examination	<u>15%</u>
	100%

NOTE - Late assignments or missed presentations receive a grade of zero.

Grade Equivalents and Course Pass Requirements

A minimum grade of D (50%) (1.00) is required to pass this course.

Letter	F	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
Percent Range	0-49	50-52	53-56	57-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-100
Points	0.00	1.00	1.30	1.70	2.00	2.30	2.70	3.00	3.30	3.70	4.00	4.00

Students must maintain a cumulative grade of C (GPA - Grade Point Average of 2.00) in order to qualify to graduate.

Attendance

Classroom and laboratory attendance is considered vital to the learning process and as significant to the students' evaluation as examinations and reports.

- a. Students having a combination of excused and/or unexcused absence of 20 percent or higher for the scheduled course hours will be required to withdraw and will automatically receive a "RW" (required withdrawal) for the course, regardless of any other evaluation results. (RW is a failing grade.)
- b. An excused absence is one that is verified with your Instructor. Verification should be prior to the absence or the next class day following the absence. Verification of the absence may take the form of a note from your doctor/College nurse regarding illness, or a note from another Instructor regarding a field trip or other activity, or authorization by your Instructor. An unexcused absence is anything NOT verified by the instructor prior to the absence or the next class day following the absence.

NOTE: Any exceptions to the above attendance policy (e.g. timetable conflicts, work-related issues) must be approved in writing by the Department Chair prior to the beginning of the course.

It is the students' responsibility to know their own absentee record.

Normal hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with potential for evening courses, exams or extended field trips. Students are expected to be available for classes during these times.

Course Units/Topics

Units:
A. Current Affairs
B. Agriculture Law
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The legal system (Basis structure and principles of the legal system) 2. How laws are developed and passed. 3. Laws affecting agricultural operations.
C. Agriculture Policy
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Agriculture Policy 2. Rationale for Government Involvement in Agriculture 3. Policy organizations and how they can affect policies 4. Future of Agricultural Policy



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