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AREC 375 SYLLABUS

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Required Text: No textbook is required; please check Canvas each week for required reading.

Course Description:

AREC 375 is an introduction and foundational course in how the legal environment influences and is influenced by agriculture. At the end of the course:

- (1) Students will receive an introduction into the nature and extent that property, contract, business, liability, and other laws impact farm and ranch operations with regard to operating practices, business transactions, business structure, and the community.
- (2) Students will be able to identify basic legal issues in order to effectively communicate with legal counsel and timely seek legal assistance, to participate in legal matters, and to minimize the potential for conflicts and liabilities.
- (3) Students will be able to identify, quantify, and explain the economic dimensions of legal proceedings and issues, including tax liability and calculation of damages.
- (4) Students will become familiar with the legal aspects of business documents, business organizations, estate planning, and planning for management of risks.

Grading:

Assignment	Grade Points
Project	100 points
Exam 1	100 points
Exam 2	100 points
Participation in class and activities	100 points
Opportunity for extra credit	
Total:	400 points

Everyone will take Exam 1 in class on September 30, 2016. Exam 2 is the final exam, and it will be cumulative. The date and time of the final exam will be announced.

The cutoff points for the different grades are:

A+	96.67%
A	93.3%
A-	90.0%
B+	86.67%
B	83.33%
B-	80.0%
C+	76.67%
C	70.0%
D	60.0%
F	Below 60%

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:

Please contact me within the first two weeks of the semester if you need special accommodations. If you believe that you need special accommodations but you have not talked with anyone from Resources for Disabled Students (RDS), please do so before you meet with me. Their contact information may be found on <http://rds.colostate.edu>. Their office is in General Services, Room 100, phone 491-6385.

Cheating and Dishonesty: DON'T DO IT!

All students are expected to adhere to the Student's Responsibilities as outlined in the Policies and Guiding Principles of the CSU General Catalog. (<http://www.catalog.colostate.edu/FrontPDF/1.6POLICIES1112f.pdf>).

Cell phones, Internet, Electronic Devices: Please turn off your cell phones and any other electronic devices before class. No texting or social media during class. The only exception is use of a laptop or other device to take notes or to access required reading.