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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.

iClicker is required.

Course Description:

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

- (1) Students will receive an introduction into the nature and extent that property, contract, business, liability, and other laws impact agricultural 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
Weekly assignments and participation	100 points
Total:	400 points
Opportunity for extra credit	25 points

The due date for all assignments and the project is set by date and time, using Mountain time. Work submitted not more than 8 hours after the date and time due will incur a deduction in points of 10%; work submitted within 24 hours of the date and time due will incur a deduction in points of 25%. Work submitted more than 24 hours late will receive a grade of zero (0).

Exam 1 is a midterm exam to be taken in class on a date to be announced. Exam 2 is the final exam and it will be cumulative. The date and time of the final exam will be announced.

In the event a student misses a graded task due to documented illness, injury or emergency or performed poorly on a graded task, I encourage the student to contact to discuss the situation. It is important to me that every student have the opportunity for success in this course.

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:

This course will adhere to the CSU Academic Integrity [Policies and Guiding Principles](#) as found in the General Catalog and the [Student Conduct Code](#).

Academic integrity is conceptualized as doing and taking credit for one's own work. Violations of the university's academic integrity standards include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating—includes using unauthorized sources of information and providing or receiving unauthorized assistance on any form of academic work or engaging in any behavior specifically prohibited by the faculty member.
- Plagiarism—includes the copying of language, structure, ideas, or thoughts of another, and representing them as one's own without proper acknowledgment.
- Unauthorized Possession or Disposition of Academic Materials—includes the unauthorized selling or purchasing of examinations or other academic work; stealing another student's work; unauthorized entry to or use of material in a computer file; and using information from or possessing exams that an instructor did not authorize for release to students.
- Falsification—includes any untruth, either verbal or written, in one's academic work.
- Facilitation—includes knowingly assisting another to commit an act of academic misconduct.

At a minimum, violations will result in a grading penalty in this course and a report to the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services.

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.