AREC 375 SYLLABUS

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

iClicker is required for on campus students.

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 concepts of property, contract, business, liability, and other laws and how they impact agricultural operations with regard to operating practices, business transactions, business structure, and the community.
(2) Students will identify and discuss basic legal issues in order to identify problems and their scope, effectively communicate with legal counsel and timely seek legal assistance, participate in legal matters, and minimize the potential for disputes and liabilities.
(3) Students will identify, quantify, and explain the economic dimensions of liability, legal proceedings, damages.
(4) Students will become familiar with the legal aspects of business documents, business organizations, estate planning, and planning for management of risks.
Grading:

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<td>Project</td>
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The due date for all assignments and the project is set by date and time, using Mountain time. Work submitted not more than 24 hours after the date and time due will incur a deduction in points of 10%; work submitted within 48 hours of the date and time due will incur a deduction in points of 25%. Work submitted more than 48 hours late will receive a grade of zero (0).

Exam 1 is a midterm exam to be taken in class on Friday, October 18, 2019. Exam 2 is the final exam and it will be cumulative. The final exam will be taken in the classroom on Thursday, December 19, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Please see me if you have conflicts with the exam schedule.

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 me 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 will need accommodations in this class due to a disability or chronic health condition to discuss
your individual needs. If you believe that you need 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://disabilitycenter.colostate.edu/ located in TILT, room 121, phone 491.6385.

**Principles of Community:** This classroom and our work is an inclusive environment where we value and affirm all members of our community including their various identities, beliefs, skills, ideas, talents, and contributions. We conduct ourselves with integrity and respect the learning process, including freedom of expression, exchange of ideas, and advancement of knowledge. All students have the right to be treated with fairness and equity and to be free from harassment or abuse.

**Need Help?** CSU is a community that cares for you. Rams take care of Rams. If you have concerns about a student struggling - whether drugs, alcohol, depression, anxiety, homelessness, food, or whatever cause - tell someone by calling 491.1350 (http://supportandsafety.colostate.edu/tellsomeone). If you need help, contact 491.6053 or go to http://health.colostate.edu.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic misconduct (such as cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized possession or disposition of academic materials, falsification, or facilitation of academic misconduct) undermines the educational experience at CSU, lowers morale by engendering a skeptical attitude about the quality of education, and negatively affects the relationship between students and instructors. This course will adhere to the CSU Academic Integrity Policies and Guiding Principles as found in the General Catalog and the Student Conduct Code. At a minimum, violations will result in a grading penalty in this course. A report to the Office of Conflict Resolution and Student Conduct Services may also be made.

**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.