

• **University of Arkansas**
Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life
Sciences
Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness

AGEC 3503 - Agricultural Law I

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Course Description:

Examination of those areas of law especially applicable to agriculture. Fundamentals of contract law, torts law, and property law will accompany discussion of major areas of agricultural law; acquisition and disposal of farmland; farm tenancies; rights and limitations in the use and ownership of farmland; animal law; environmental protection; protection of the productivity of agricultural land; and the law of sales and secured transactions in an agricultural context.

Required Materials:

All course materials will be provided in this Blackboard course. There is no required textbook.

Instructor Feedback and Response:

I generally respond to emails within 24 hours during the week and within 48 hours on weekends. Grades for assignments are usually available within one week after the due date, but large projects or complex activities could take longer.

Course Learning Objectives:

By the end of this course, you will develop the skills required to:

1. Obtain a basic comprehension of how the US legal system functions.
2. Interpret the variety of factors and influences that shape food and agriculture policy.
3. Analyze a wide variety recent and current events involving food and agriculture legal issues.
4. Analyze and apply various laws, regulations, and legal principles by reviewing current legal issues and other real-world hypotheticals.

Grading:

The grading criterion for this course consists of unit quizzes, a final exam, and participation points. All due dates and point values for quizzes and the final exam are located in the Course Schedule. Participation points are not specified on the Course Schedule, but are instead based on consistent and thoughtful participation in all of the discussion board activities listed in each lesson.

According to the UA instructions for reporting final grades, they generally will reflect the following:

- A – Outstanding achievement (90.0%+)
- B – Good achievement (80.0%+)
- C – Average achievement (70.0%+)
- D – Poor, but passing work (60.0%+)
- F – Failure, given for unsatisfactory work (any grade below 60%)

Grade Breakdown:

Quizzes	60%	180 points
Final Exam	25%	75 points
Participation	15%	45 points
Total	100%	300 points

Exam:

There will be a final examination available in this course online.

Students with Disabilities:

If you need to request reasonable accommodations for this class due to a disability, you must first register with the [Center for Educational Access \(CEA\)](#) and contact me via email.

Academic Dishonesty:

"Each University of Arkansas student is required to be familiar with and abide by the University's 'Academic Integrity Policy' which may be found at [The Office of the Provost](#) website. Students with questions about how these policies apply to a particular course or assignment should immediately contact their instructor."

Dropping this Class:

Situations can arise that warrant dropping a class. However, please see me before you drop the class so we can properly assess whether this is in your best interest. Often times things may not be as bad as they seem. Please do not drop without talking to me first.

Late Work:

Submission of discussion board posts, quizzes and projects after the posted deadline will not be accepted unless the student has made alternative arrangements with the professor prior to expiration of the deadline.

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Academic Honesty Syllabus Statement



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"As a core part of its mission, the University of Arkansas provides students with the opportunity to further their educational goals through programs of study and research in an environment that promotes

freedom of inquiry and academic responsibility. Accomplishing this mission is only possible when intellectual honesty and individual integrity prevail."

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[Read the complete University of Arkansas Academic Integrity Policy](#)

Read the [Sanction Rubric](#) to understand the sanctions assigned to particular violations



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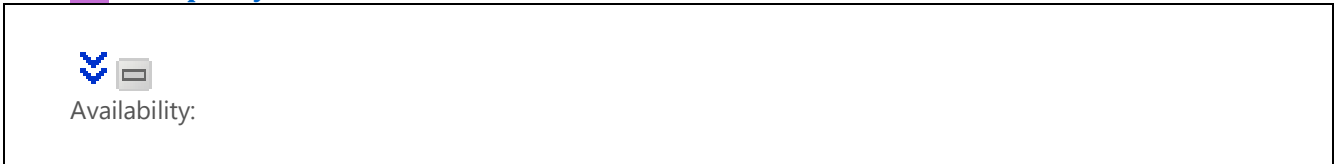
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Example Syllabus Items



Availability:



Item is hidden from students.

Click on the "Example Syllabus Items" link above to view several example items that can be used in your course syllabus for your online course. These will already be included in your course shell when it is created at the end of Phase 1.

For now, look over and decide which ones you want to use. Feel free to copy and paste the text into a "Word" document and edit it to your liking.

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Important items to include in a syllabus



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This item is not viewable to students until the setting is changed.

1. Late Work Policy
 - Do you accept late work?
 - Under what conditions?
 - What are the penalties if any?
2. Communication Policy
 - How & when should student contact you?
 - How often will check emails?
 - How long will you take to respond?
 - Do you have office hours?
3. Etiquette Policy (see item below)
 - Tone of voice
 - Spelling/Grammar
 - Slang, net abbreviations (LOL), emoticons
 - Rules of civility
 - [Link to student handbook](#)
4. Hardware/Software requirements (see START HERE! section)
5. Textbook information
6. Grading Policy including

- Point range
 - Major assignments descriptions and value
7. Course level objectives
 8. Academic Honesty Policy: (see item below)
 - [Link to official policy](#)
 - [Link to Provost's YouTube video](#)
 9. Inclement Weather
 - What happens if power is knocked out to the UofA servers?
 10. Accommodation Policy
 - [Include a link to the Center for Educational Access](#)
 11. [Link to Academic Support Services](#) and/or <http://sss.uark.edu/>