

**LEGAL ASPECTS OF AGRICULTURE -- AGB 314**  
**Summer 2014**

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Textbook: *McEowen & Harl*, Principles of Agricultural Law

Supplemental reading materials may be provided throughout the course.

Description: A study of the legal framework impinging upon decision-making of farm business including contracts, real property, civil liabilities, secured transactions, negotiable instruments, business organization, and regulations of land and water use.

Each week, the student will have a reading assignment, an accompanying PowerPoint to review, participation through weekly discussions and quiz over that week's material. There will be two tests and a final that will allow the student to demonstrate mastery over the course material.

Purpose Statement: The purpose of this course is not to make every student into a lawyer, but to provide a practical understanding of legal principles that affect agriculture that you may need to be familiar with in the course of your career. In short, I want you to be able to know when you may be facing a legal issue that may require you to consult legal counsel in order to properly handle a given situation.

Grading:

The standard grading policy will be utilized for AGB 314. The plus/minus grading policy will not be utilized.

A: 90 – 100	C: 70 - 79	F: 0 - 59
B: 80 – 89	D: 60 - 69	

This grading for this course will consist of three exams plus one comprehensive final exam which will account for 50% of your grade. You will also have weekly quizzes which will account for 25% of your grade. You will also be responsible for drafting discussion question responses and comments to your colleagues' discussion responses, which will account for 25% of your grade.

Criteria for grading: All written assignments should demonstrate your analytical and critical thinking process. All written assignments should follow APA guidelines, and should be your own work. Regular, ongoing, and interactive participation in the form of timely, substantive responses and discussion is expected. Your initial discussion response is due on Wednesday of each week by 11:59 p.m. CST with two additional substantive responses to other student's posts due by Sunday 11:59 p.m. that same week.

Each week you will be responsible for a quiz over the reading material. This quiz will be timed and once started, must be completed in one sitting.

Should issues occur when using Blackboard, notify me as soon as possible by e-mail. Please include any written work that would be counted late.

Schedule:

<b>Module 1</b>	Introduction to Agriculture Law: June 9 – June 11
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 1: 1-12
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 1 – material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ1 by Wednesday, June 11
<b>Quiz</b>	Due June 11 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Module 2</b>	UCC and Contract Formation: June 11 – June 15
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 2: 2-16
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 2 – material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ2 by June 13 and by June 15 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due June 15 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Module 3</b>	Contract Provisions and Warranties: June 16 – June 22
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 2: 16-36
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 2 – material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ3 by June 18 and by June 22 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due June 18 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Module 4</b>	Contract Performance and Remedies: June 23 – June 29
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 2: 36-46
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 2 – material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ4 by June 25 and by June 29 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due June 22 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Test 1</b>	June 23 – June 29
<b>Reading</b>	The first test will cover all reading material and PowerPoints from Modules 1 – 4. It will be a good idea for you to use your quizzes as study guides for the material. Once you begin the exam, you cannot stop and restart it. The test must be completed by June 29 by 11:59 p.m. CST.

<b>Module 5</b>	Real Property and Interests in Land: June 30 – July 6
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 7: 1-6
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 7 – Real property, part one. Material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ5 by July 2 and by July 6 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due July 6 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Module 6</b>	Easements and the Transference of Title: July 7 – July 13
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 7: 6-34
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 7 – Easements and the Transference of Title. Material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ6 by July 9 and by July 13 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due July 13 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Module 7</b>	Civil Liabilities: July 14 – July 20
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 11: 3-24
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 11 – Civil Liabilities Part One. Material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ7 by July 16 and by July 20 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due July 20 over reading and PowerPoint material (pts).

<b>Module 8</b>	Negligence and Strict Liability: July 21 – July 27
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 11: 24-57
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 11 – Negligence and Strict Liability. Material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ8 by July 23 and by July 27 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due July 27 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Module 9</b>	Employer Liability and Fence Laws: July 28 – July 31
<b>Reading</b>	Chapter 11: 57-79
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Chapter 11 – Employer Liability. Material provides supplemental information to reading assignment. Following along as you read will be helpful.
<b>Discussion</b>	Respond to DQ9 by July 29 and by July 31 with additional comments
<b>Quiz</b>	Due July 30 over reading and PowerPoint material

<b>Test 2</b>	July 31
<b>Reading</b>	The second test will cover reading material and PowerPoints from Modules 5 – 9. It will be a good idea for you to use your quizzes as study guides for the material. Once you begin the exam, you cannot stop and restart it. The test must be completed by July 31 by 11:59 p.m. CST.

<b>Final Exam</b>	August 1
<b>Reading</b>	The Final Exam will be comprehensive and cover all reading material and PowerPoints of the course. It will be a good idea for you to use your quizzes as study guides for the material. Once you begin the exam, you cannot stop and restart it. The test must be completed by August 1 by 11:59 p.m. CST.

### Non-discrimination Policy.

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### Disability Accommodation.

To request academic accommodations for a disability, contact the Director of Disability Services, Plaster Student Union, Suite 405; (417) 836-4192; (417) 836-6792 (TTY), or [www.missouristate.edu/disability](http://www.missouristate.edu/disability). Students are required to provide documentation of disability to Disability Services prior to receiving accommodations. Disability Services refers some types of accommodation requests to the Learning Diagnostic Clinic, which also provides diagnostic testing for learning and psychological disabilities. For information about testing, contact the Director of the Learning Diagnostic Clinic, (417) 836-4787, or <http://psychology.missouristate.edu ldc>.

Students who require assistance during an emergency evacuation must discuss their need with me and Disability Services. If you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible. For additional information contact the Office of Disability Services.

### Academic Dishonesty.

Missouri State University is a community of scholars committed to developing educated person who accept the responsibility to practice personal and academic integrity. You are responsible for knowing and following the university's student honor code, *Student Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures*, available at [www.missouristate.edu/assets/provost/AcademicIntegrityPolicyRev-1-08.pdf](http://www.missouristate.edu/assets/provost/AcademicIntegrityPolicyRev-1-08.pdf).

Any student participating in any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to sanction as described in this policy. If you are accused of violating this policy and are in the appeals process, you should continue participating in the class.

### Class Drop Policy.

It is your responsibility to understand the University's procedure for dropping a class. If you stop attending the class, but do not follow the proper procedures for dropping the class, you will receive a failing grade and will also be financially obligated to pay for the class. For information about dropping a class or withdrawing from the University, contact the Office of the Registrar at 836-5520.