



AGRIBUSINESS LAW

AEDE 3170
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Course

Tuesday & Thursday
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Baker Systems 144

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What You'll Learn and Why It's Important: Course Objectives

Law is all around you. Whether you'll be farming or working in agribusiness, animal science, construction, communications, engineering, policy, or environmental management, the law will certainly affect you and your career. *How will you handle it?* In this class, you'll obtain skills and knowledge to help you understand and respond to legal issues that you'll encounter in your career. Through our readings, discussions, debates, application exercises and simulated activities, you will learn how to:

- **Locate and interpret** statutes, court opinions, regulations and legislative proposals;
- **Apply** laws and legal concepts to real life;
- **Develop strategies** to address legal issues and minimize legal risks;
- **Engage** in legal processes and the legal system;
- **Think critically** about laws and policies that affect food, agriculture, agribusinesses and your career area.

How to Succeed in this Class

Do you gauge "success" by what you've learned or the grade you've earned? Either way, these behaviors should help you achieve both learning and grade success:

1. **Be here.** This is a discussion and activity oriented course. Most of your learning and earning of points will occur inside the classroom. But only if you're here.
2. **Be focused.** During our class time, ignore the many other things competing for your time and attention so that you can fully focus on course content.
3. **Be curious.** Few things are better than a student who engages, asks questions, reflects and just wants to learn.
4. **Be open minded.** Be careful and analytical as you critically examine all sides of an issue and don't let that knee jerk too quickly.
5. **Be professional.** Come to class prepared, submit your work on time and behave respectfully towards others.

Required Reading

There is no required text for this class! But the course website on Carmen is like a text. I will post all assignments, readings, videos, resources and other course materials on the course site on <https://carmen.osu.edu>. Check it regularly and before each class period.

Student Activities and Assessment

The course activities will enable you to apply your knowledge, practice critical analysis and develop legal skills. These activities are also the basis for my assessment of your learning and engagement, which translates into your grade. Here are the activities you'll complete over the semester:

Attendance. You'll begin the semester with 50 attendance points. You can't earn any more points, but as in real life, you can lose points for not being present. One absence doesn't affect your points, but each subsequent absence deducts two points. Be sure to document your attendance daily via Top Hat or an attendance sheet.

Professionalism. You'll also begin with 20 points for professionalism, a highly valued trait in the workforce. In this class, professionalism entails being accountable for your work and behavior. You lose a point each day your work is late and each time you exhibit disrespectful conduct. I'll let you know if you're treading too closely to unprofessionalism.

Class activities. Eight in-class activities will vary and will allow you to reinforce information and practice legal skills. We'll grade these on a pass/non-pass basis. Because an activity will tie into the content covered on the day of the activity, you may not make up a missed activity. I'll try to announce activity dates in advance but some may pop up.

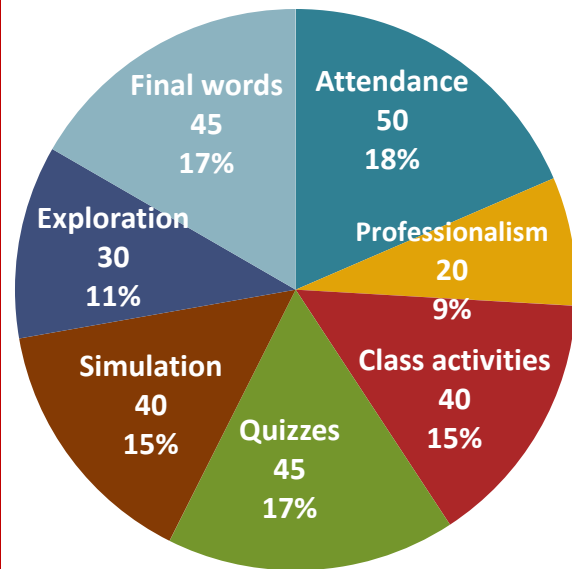
Quizzes. You'll complete three out-of-class quizzes that will reinforce your foundational knowledge of terms, theories and laws. I'll announce quiz dates in advance and will provide several days for completion.

Simulation. Choose from participating in a small claims court trial or preparing legislative testimony for the simulation activity, which will place you in the role of organizing and advocating a legal position.

Exploration. We won't be able to study all of the laws that you may encounter in your career area, so the exploration project will allow you to learn about a specific law or legal issue of your choice. You may complete this individually or with another classmate.

Final words. I'll design a final activity that aligns with our progress over the semester. This will not be an in-class final examination but it will be due by the end of the day on our final exam date, Monday, Dec. 10.

Final Grade



A total of **270 points** are up for grabs in this course. I'll use OSU's standard grading scale to determine your final grade, based upon the percentage of total points you obtain.

Grading Scale		
	%	Points
A	93—100	251 plus
A-	90—92	243—250
B+	87—89	235—242
B	83—86	224—234
B-	80—82	216—223
C+	77—79	208—215
C	73—76	197—207
C-	70—72	189—196
D+	67—69	181—188
D	60—66	162—180
E	0—59	161 and less

If you'll be absent...

We **don't** need to know about your absence **unless** your absence will force you to miss a due date for a quiz or the simulation, exploration or final words projects. **E-mail Evin** with your absence information.

Academic Misconduct

OSU does not tolerate plagiarism and other forms of cheating. University rules provide severe penalties for academic misconduct, ranging from course failure to dismissal. University rules are in the handbook used in all survey courses --"University Survey--A Guidebook and Readings for New Students."

Disability Services

If you need an accommodation based on the impact of a disability, please contact me privately to discuss specific needs.

AEDE 3170 Agribusiness Law Class Schedule

**Note: schedule does not include dates for in-class activities*

Wk	Date	Activity Dates	Topic	
1	Aug. 23		Legal foundations	Unit 1: Intro
2	Aug. 28	Quiz 1 opens	Legal foundations	
	Aug. 30	Quiz 1 due	The law of negligence	Unit 2: Civil liability
3	Sept. 4		The law of negligence	
	Sept. 6	Exploration assignment out	Product liability law	
4	Sept. 11		Premises liability law	
	Sept. 13	Exploration topic and simulation choice due Quiz 2 opens	Premises liability law	
5	Sept. 18	Quiz 2 due	Online Class —property rights and ownership	Unit 3: Property
	Sept. 20		Eminent domain and zoning	
6	Sept. 25		Nuisance law and the right to farm	
	Sept. 27		Neighbor laws	
7	Oct. 2		Environmental regulation	Unit 4: Contracts
	Oct. 4	Exploration part 1 due	Exploration project workshops in class	
8	Oct. 9		Current controversies in agricultural law	Unit 5: Business
	Oct. 11		No Class—Fall Break	
9	Oct. 16	Exploration part 2 due Simulation assignment out	Remedies for legal issues	
	Oct. 18		Verbal contracts	
10	Oct. 23		Written contracts	
	Oct. 25	Use for simulation preparation	No Class—AALA Conference	
11	Oct. 30		Contract negotiation	
	Nov. 1		Financial instruments	
12	Nov. 6	Simulation part 1 due	Simulation activities in class	
	Nov. 8		Simulation activities in class	
13	Nov. 13	Simulation part 2 due	Business entities	
	Nov. 15		Transition and estate planning	
14	Nov. 20		Employment law	
	Nov. 22		No Class—Thanksgiving Break	
15	Nov. 27		Current controversies in agricultural law	
	Nov. 29	Quiz 3 opens	Wrap up and final review	
16	Dec. 4	Quiz 3 due Final words assignment out	Final review	
17	Dec. 10	Final words due		