INSTRUCTOR
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Class Times and Locations
AGEC 342 meets on Tuesday/Thursday in KH 306 from 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.

Required Texts and Other Material
- Supplemental Handouts

Course Objectives & Outline
At the conclusion of this course the student will have better understanding of US law with an agricultural application in the following areas:
1. Introduction to Law and Agricultural Law
2. Torts
3. Contracts
4. Nature & Meaning of Property
5. Acquiring & Disposing of Real Property
6. Rights & Limitations in the Ownership of Agricultural Property
7. Rights & Limitations in the Use of Agricultural Property
8. Liability for Farm Animals
9. Protecting the Environment & the Productivity of Agricultural Land
10. Water & Drainage
11. Sales, Warranties & Products Liability
12. Marketing of Agricultural Products
13. Agricultural Credit, Finance & Bankruptcy
14. Agricultural Labor, Agents & Independent Contractors
15. Farm Tenancy
16. Farm Partnership
17. Farm Corporations
18. Farm Limited Liability Companies
19. Farm Estate Planning

Participation in mock trials, transactions and business plans will be used to provide a “learn by doing” opportunity.
IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, August 31       Last day to get full tuition refund
Monday, October 15    Early warning grades due
Sunday, October 28     Last day to drop
November 19-23         Fall Break
December 10-14         Final Exams

GRADING POLICY
The course grade will be based on the following factors, with weightings as indicated:

Classroom Participation & Quizzes     50%
Trials, Transactions & Business Plans 30%
Comprehensive Final Exam              20%
Total                                  100%

Grades will be based on the Plus/Minus Grading System. The grading scale will be as follows:

A  93% - 100%        B+ 86% - 89%        C+ 76% - 79%        D+ 66% - 69%
A- 90% - 92%        B  83% - 85%        C  73% - 75%        D  63% - 65%
B- 80% - 82%        C- 70% - 72%        D- 60% - 62%

Grade breaking points may be lowered, but in no case will they be raised. These breaking points will be evaluated only after final numerical grades have been calculated.

The final will be comprehensive. Makeup exams will be given only in extreme situations.

Assignments are due at the beginning of class.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS
Participation: Students are expected to regularly attend class and to actively participate in discussions.
Academic Integrity: The rules and regulations outlined in the University’s policy on academic integrity are applied to this course.
Student Rights and Responsibilities: Detailed information regarding student rights and responsibilities can be found at http://www.wiu.edu/provost/student/. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the posted information.
Special Accommodations: If you need special accommodations, please feel free to stop by and discuss your needs or contact Disability Support Services at 309-298-2512.

NOTICES
Please be advised that this syllabus is tentative. All classes are different and we may or may not be able to address all content areas or stick with the anticipated number of exams. Any deviations from the syllabus will be announced as soon as possible.