

ALS 4085 - Section 0820

**AGRICULTURAL RISK MANAGEMENT
AND
THE LAW**

Instructor:
Olexa & Lehtola

Semester:
Fall 2005





Course Syllabus

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211 MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING BUILDING

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Text Professor Olexa's text available at Target Copy: [1412 West University Avenue: 376-3826 and 3422 SW Archer Road: 372-1171]. *Handout materials will also be made available at the beginning of each class period.*

Course Objectives

1. Develop an understanding of the basic concepts of common and statutory law.
2. Identify and address current legal issues of importance at the personal and professional level.
3. Develop an understanding of risk.
4. Develop solutions for managing risk.
5. Interrelate the concepts of risk management and law in limiting exposure to legal liability.

Attendance

Attendance is important. The student's success in this class will be dependent upon their participation and the amount and quality of effort expended. Students will be held responsible for material covered in class and absences can be costly. **Roll will be taken.** Attendance is expected all the time, including guest lectures. Students are expected to arrive on time.

CELLULAR PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF.

If you must miss a class or arrive late and want to be excused, you must have written approval from the Dean of Student's Office. The address is: Dean of Student's Office - 109 Peabody Hall 352-392-12

Exams

Three exams will be given during the semester. Exams will be given on the following dates.

- Exam one: September 20
- Exam two: October 11
- Exam three: November 10

There are **no** make-up exams. (Make-up exams may be allowed if students inform instructors of long-term commitments during the *first* week of

Homework / In-Class Activities

Students will be expected to participate in group class activities designed to address analysis of real world risk management applications. To further assist students in meeting this objective, web sites to access include:

- National Ag. Safety Database <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd>
- Florida Ag. Safe Network <http://www.flagsafe.ufl.edu>
- USDA Risk Management <http://www2.hqnet.usda.gov/rma/rme/prsntns/buhr/text.htm>

Grading

Attendance	25 @ 10	points	250	24.4%
Tests	03 @ 100	points	300	29.3%
HW/in class activities	05 @ 25	points	125	12.2%
Term Paper	01 @ 250	points	250	24.4%
Measure of Endurance*	01 @ 100	points	100	09.7%
Total Points			1025	100 %

* "A Measure of Endurance: The Unlikely Triumph of Steven Sharp" by: William Mishler (2003). Dr. Lehtola has copies of the book available on loan.

Grading Scale

Extra Credit No individual student will be given the opportunity to earn extra credit or bonus points unless the opportunity is extended to all

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Note:

Failure to participate in class activities can result in a lower grade, even if total points have been obtained in other areas.

100	-	90	A
89.9	-	88	B+
87.9	-	80	B
79.9	-	78	C+
77.9	-	70	C
69.9	-	68	D+
67.9	-	60	D

Academic Honesty

Each of you signed an agreement to adhere to the academic honesty guidelines when you were admitted to the University of Florida. We fully expect adherence to these guidelines. To refresh your recollection, a copy of the guidelines from the UF undergraduate catalog is attached with an accompanying form for your signature.

Disability Clause

Any student who feels that an encouraged to consult with the



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accommodation for a disability is in order is instructor during the first week of class.

The Commitment to Academic Honesty

"On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

Acts of Academic Dishonesty

- I. **Cheating:**
The improper taking or tendering of any information or material which shall be used to determine academic credit. Taking of information includes, but is not limited to, copying graded homework assignments from another student; working together with another individual(s) on a take-home test or homework when not specifically permitted by the teacher; looking or attempting to look at another student's paper during an examination; looking or attempting to look at text or notes during an examination when not permitted. Tendering of information includes, but is not limited to, giving your homework to another student to be used or copied; giving someone answers to exam questions either when the exam is being given or after taking an exam; giving or selling a term paper or other written materials to another student; sharing information on a graded assignment.
- III. **Plagiarism:**
The attempt to represent the work of another as the product of one's own thought, whether the other's work is published or unpublished, or simply the work of a fellow student. Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to, quoting oral or written materials without citation on an exam, term paper, homework, other written materials or oral presentations for an academic requirement; submitting a paper which was purchased from a term paper service as your own work; submitting anyone else's paper as your own work.
- VI. **Bribery:**
The offering, giving, receiving or soliciting of any materials, items or services of value to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.
- V. **Misrepresentation:**
Any act or omission with intent to deceive a teacher for academic advantage. Misrepresentation includes using computer programs generated by another and handing it in as your own work unless expressly allowed by the teacher; lying to a teacher to increase your grade; lying or misrepresenting facts when confronted with an allegation of academic dishonesty.
- IV. **Conspiracy:**
The planning or acting with one or more persons to commit any form of academic dishonesty to gain academic advantage for yourself or another.
- V. **Fabrication:**
The use of invented or fabricated information, or the falsification of research or other findings with the intent to deceive for academic or professional advantage.

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Counseling Related to Personal Issues

The University and Gainesville Community offer a number of personal counseling services for students at the University of Florida. Contact the appropriate agency listed below.

- ! **Alachua County Crisis Center** 264-6789
Crisis Line phone counseling is available 24 hours a day.
218 SE 24th Street, Gainesville 32641
<http://communityservices.alachua.fl.us/new/crisis/contact.htm>
- ! **Career Development Assistance and Counseling** 392-1601
Career Resource Center M-F; 8:00am - 4:30pm
Reitz Union-1st Floor
www.crc.ufl.edu
- ! **Corner Drug Store** 334-3800
For assistance with drug and alcohol related problems.
1300 NW 6th Street, Gainesville
Monday - Thursday, 8:00am - 7:30pm
Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm
<http://cornerdrugstore.org>
- ! **International Student Services** 392-5323, ext. 600
Assistance is provided for International students at the University.
123 Grinter Hall
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
www.ufic.ufl.edu/iss.htm
- ! **The Dean of Students Office, formerly Office for Student Services** 392-1261
A staff member is available to assist students.
P202 Peabody Hall
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
<http://oss.ufl.edu/>
- ! **Student Health Services** 392- 1161
A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.
Student Health Care Center (1 Fletcher Driver)
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
shcc.ufl.edu/CARE
- Center for Sexual Assault/Abuse Recovery and Education (CARE)** 392-1161, ext. 4231
A Counselor is on-call 24 hours a day to assist with sexual assault issues.
Student Health Care Center
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
Weekends, On-Call
www.health.ufl.edu/shcc/CARE.htm
- Campus Alcohol and Drug Resource Center** 392-1161
Information on drug and alcohol counseling is available to the University Community.
P202 Peabody Hall
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm
- Students Mental Health Services** 392-1171
Infirmary, Room 245
A Mental Health Counselor is on-call 24 hours a day to respond to emergencies.
Monday & Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00am - 6:00pm
- ! **University Counseling Center** 392-1575
A counselor is available to assist students to work through personal issues.
P301 Peabody Hall
Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm

www.counsel.ufl.edu

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Name: _____

Local Address: _____

City	State	Zip
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Local Phone: () _____

Major: _____

Career Objectives: _____

Hometown/Country: _____

I have read and understand the provisions of the course syllabus and agree to abide by those provisions, including the University of Florida's honor code.

Academic Honesty

As a result of completing the registration form at the University of Florida, every student has signed the following statement: "On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment."

Software Use

All faculty, staff and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate.

We, the members of the University of Florida, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Name printed

Name signed

Date

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	Date	Topic		Date	Topic
1	August 25	Orientation	2	August 30	Law and the Legal System
3	September 1	Law and the Legal System	4	September 6	Law and the Legal System
5	September 8	Tort Law	6	September 13	Tort Law
7	September 15	Tort Law	8	September 20	Exam 1
9	September 22	Negligence	10	September 27	Negligence
11	September 29	Negligence			
12	October 4	Negligence	13	October 6	Product Liability
14	October 11	Exam 2	15	October 13	Introduction to Risk Management
16	October 18	Risk Management Planning	17	October 20	Risk Management Planning
18	October 25	Risk Management Planning	19	October 27	Risk Management Planning
20	November 1	Case Studies	21	November 3	Case Studies
22	November 8	Presentations	23	November 10	Exam 3
24	November 15	Presentations	25	November 17	Presentations
26	November 22	Presentations	27	November 24	Thanksgiving Holiday
28	November 29	Presentations	29	December 1	Risk Management and The Law: Tying It All Together
30	December 6	Risk Management and The Law: Tying It All Together			