



**HAMLINE UNIVERSITY**  
 School of Law  
 COURSE SYLLABUS

Faculty: **Professor Doug Spanier**

Course: **Agricultural Law**

Semester: **Fall 2010**

Meeting Schedule: **Tuesdays, 6-7:50 pm**

Room:

Class will receive handouts for reading.

Textbook	Primary Text	Primary Text	Recommended not required
Author			
Title and edition of text			
Publisher/year			
ISBN			

***Learning Outcomes for the Course:***

The primary objective is to understand the goals of government regulation of agricultural law, and to analyze whether government is achieving those goals. Topics include production contracts, food safety, organics, business structures, pesticides, and concentration issues.

***Course Expectations:***

*HUSL Policies on attendance, lateness and preparation*

The program of instruction at the School of Law is based on an active and informed exchange between instructor and student and between student and student. Regular, prepared class attendance helps develop skills essential to the competent practice of law. A student who violates the attendance policy, including the instructor's specification of class expectation described below, may lose his or her right to take the exam in the course, to receive course credit or may receive other

penalties described below and in Academic Rule 108. Persistent or frequent lateness or unpreparedness may also be the basis for reduction of the grade awarded in a course. See Academic Rule 108 for further details.

### **Attendance Policies in this Course**

The ABA requires that all law students regularly attend classes. Since this course meets only once a week, missing one session is the same as missing an entire week. As a result, missing two classes is presumptively excessive and can be the basis for involuntary withdrawal from the course. Class attendance is very important, as most information will be provided in class rather than in materials.

### **Punctuality/Preparation Policies in this Course**

Students are expected to be on time and be prepared to discuss the materials fully.

### **Policy on Laptop Use in Class: Laptop use is allowed**

### **Other Classroom Policies:**

### ***Grading Components***

#### *Final examination:*

Date/Time:

Requirements:

Component(s) of your grade:

#### *Mid-term exam or quizzes*

Dates/Times:

Requirements:

Component(s) of your grade:

#### *Written Assignments:*

Dates/Times:

**End of year paper**

Requirements:

**Students must take a position on a particular argument related topic and assert that position in a 10-15 page paper.**

Component(s) of your grade:50%

*Oral Presentation(s)*

Dates/Times:

**The last couple classes,  
depending on class size**

Requirements:

**Student must make a 20  
minute presentation on  
their paper, defending  
their paper and taking  
questions from class.**

Component(s) of your  
grade:50%

*Participation/Other Grade  
Components*

Requirements:

Component(s) of your grade

**Professor reserves the  
right to move a student's  
final grade up or down by  
½ grade based on class  
participation.**

Initial reading assignments (first two weeks):

No materials for first class. Materials for second class will be handed out during the first class.