

POUL 5150/6150 : FOOD LAWS AND REGULATIONS

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The objective of this course is to provide a general overview of food laws and regulations. This course emphasizes finding specific legal information on the Web. This course is completely on-line.

TOPICS COVERED: Federal and state laws, regulations, case law history affecting food production, processing, packaging, marketing, distribution of food and food products. History of food law, enactment of laws and regulations, legal research, and regulatory agencies.

CREDITS: 3

CLASS BEGINS: According to University Semester Calendar

MEDIUM: Internet. Students must have ready access to an adequate computer with the proper browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher. Free download at <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads>). Students should also have experience with the computing skills listed below in the section titled: "Computing Skills Required for Course Completion".

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COURSE URL: After registering , student will receive first email message from Instructor. Other messages will follow that contain course URL, course UserID and Password.

AUDIENCE: Undergraduate or Graduate Students, food and related allied industry personnel, regulators, county extension agents, high school teachers.

WHEN AND WHERE: All course information will be provided via the Auburn University Blackboard course website.

GOING TO CAMPUS: Not necessary. All course materials can be accessed via the Internet. This is an asynchronous course: anytime, any place, anywhere. Students are welcome to correspond with the Instructor during the semester.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: POUL 5150/6150 Food Laws and Regulations (Cont.)

Course work: Students are required to complete each of the 10 Modules as they are presented on the Internet. Students must complete all Modules to receive credit for this course. Modules include instructions and required assignments, quizzes, and some optional activities.

Final and Midterm Exam: Will be available on-line. Exam dates, times and the location will be communicated at the beginning of the Semester. You may need to obtain a proctor for these exams if you are not located on campus. The Midterm Exam will be given around mid-semester and the Final Exam will be given during the final exam week. Specific dates will be found on the course calendar within Blackboard.

Assignments: Each module has at least one assignment that must be completed and submitted within Blackboard. Many of these assignments require finding information using the web.

Discussion Board: All students (undergraduate and graduate) will be required to participate in the discussions which are posted on the discussion board. Graduate students will lead the discussions on a topic that has been approved by the Instructor.

Quizzes: There are quizzes for each module. These quiz results will count toward your grade, but students should also use the results to determine how well they understand a specific module in the course

Graduate Project: Graduate level students are required to submit a portfolio for the class which contains some of their class assignments including the discussion they lead and some additional course exercises. An example of a course portfolio is provided online.

COMPUTING SKILLS REQUIRED FOR COURSE COMPLETION:

You will need to perform the following basic Internet skills while taking an Internet course. You should test your capabilities for these functions prior to the start of the semester:

- Access to the Internet
- Use a search engine
- Make hotlink connections (mouse click on icons and blue underlined text)
- Open, enter, and post to the discussion group
- Cut and paste between word-processing software, e-mail, and the web
- Save files as a text (.txt), MSPowerPoint (.ppt), MSEXcel (.xls) or MSWord (.doc or .docx). These are the only file formats accepted for course requirements.

If you are experiencing difficulties with the above tasks, you may want to contact a computer expert for suggestions in developing these skills or fixing any computer problem. Once registered for the course, tech support will be available to assist you with course-related technology problems.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION: There is an optional textbook for the class. The textbook is recommended. All other information is found on-line.