

## POUL 5153/6156 : 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. Effective January 2007, this course will be taught only in Spring Semester.

**MEDIUM:** Internet. Students must have ready access to an adequate computer with the proper browser (Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher. Free download at <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads> ). Students should also have experience with the computing skills listed below in the section below titled: "Computing Skills Required for Course Completion".

**INSTRUCTOR:** Dr. Pat Curtis, Professor and Director of Poultry Products Safety & Quality Peak of Excellence Program, Poultry Science Department at Auburn University. She is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has over 22 years teaching experience.

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**COURSE URL:** After registering, student will receive first email message from Instructor. Two messages will follow from Learner Support 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 management system (CMS).

**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 5153/6156 Food Laws and Regulations (Cont.)

**COURSE WORK:** Students are required to complete each of the 10 Chapters as they are presented. Students must complete all chapters to receive credit for this course. Chapters include instructions and required assignments, quizzes, and some optional activities.

**ASSIGNMENTS:** Each chapter has at least one assignment that must be completed and submitted. Method of assignment submission and file formats are provided in the CMS. Many of these assignments require finding information using the web.

**PROJECT:** All students will be required to research a topic that has been approved by the Instructor. The findings will be presented via the course Discussion Board. Specific information will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

**QUIZZES:** There are quizzes for each chapter. All quizzes must be completed to receive full credit.

**MIDTERM AND FINAL EXAMS:** The Midterm Exam will be given around mid-semester and the Final Exam will be given during the final exam week. Specific information is found in the course Calendar.

**TERM PAPER:** Graduate level students are required to submit a term paper on a chosen topic that is related to food law.

### 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 board
- 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). 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 problems. Once registered for the course, Learner Support will be available from Ms. Marcia (Marcia Owens Kloepper -- kloepmo@auburn.edu) who can assist you with course-related technology problems.

**TEXTBOOK INFORMATION:** An optional textbook, *Guide to Food Laws and Regulations*, has been authored by Dr. Patricia A. Curtis. Once registered, more information about purchasing this book is available in the course information.

**REGISTRATION:** Marcia Kloepper, IT Specialist, Course Learner Support. Email: kloepmo@auburn.edu or Telephone: 334-844-4411