The Department of Food Science
Food Science 321: Food Law and Regulations
Course Syllabus
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Class Time/Day: Tuesday 8:30 to 9:20 a.m.
Location: 1125 Biochemistry

Course Theme/Purpose
The purpose of this course is to provide students with an overview of the major Food Laws and Regulations that apply to the continuum of food transformation activities within food systems in the U.S. Emphasis is on manufacturing and sales. This course also emphasizes the dynamics and processes of how existing regulations are interpreted and refined in response to political, economic and social trends.

Pre-requisites: none

Textbook
There is no required textbook but numerous readings will be distributed and/or posted to Learn@UW

Learning Objectives
By actively participating in this course the student will be able to:
1. identify major food laws, their authoritative departments and enforcement agencies
2. identify and examine the implications of laws and regulations in the context of the food industry
3. participate in formal processes to effect change of existing or proposed legislation
4. independently research scientific and non-scientific information*
5. competently use library resources*
6. select and articulate a position on a controversial legislative issue
7. recognize current topics of importance to the food industry that have the potential to generate new or refine existing regulations*
8. identify segment-specific government regulations required for the manufacture and sale of food products
9. Interpret implications of local food laws and regulations on the manufacturer and sale of food
Organization
See class session series

Professional Skill Set Development (program outcomes)
In the context of leadership, that student will have the opportunity to:
1. demonstrate the use of oral and written communication skills
2. learn principles of critical thinking and apply them to industry specific scenarios

Assessment Strategies (subject to change)
Weekly Assignment, Quiz or Reflective Paper
(14 weeks @ 25 points each) 350 points
Written Position Statement 50 points
Cumulative Final (last day of class) 50 points

Total Points 450 points

Grading Scale
A 93%
AB 88-92
B 83-87
BC 78-82
C 73-77
D 68-72
F <68%

Resources

Required Readings (additional readings will be assigned throughout the semester)

Useful Resources
• Fortin ND. Food Regulation; law, science, policy and practice. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Publication. 2009