Course Number and Title:
TECH 4341.060
Online Class

Topics in Industrial Studies: Legal Principles in Surveying and Mapping

Course Description: This course is designed to aid the professional land surveyor of Texas. The class will examine the development of legal principles and court cases underlying land conveyances, both written and unwritten, and the related profession of land surveying, not only in Texas but throughout the United States. The course will examine boundary law including topics on conflict and litigation, courtroom presentation, determination of boundaries, evidence and procedures, as well as unique boundaries such as gradient and riparian.

Course Objectives:

a) Examine the nature, scope and definition of evidence
b) Develop understanding of the Federal Land System in the U.S.
c) Understand unwritten transfers of property
d) Learn the essential components of a valid legal description
e) Study professional liability and stature
h) Examine the surveyor’s role in courtroom testimony

Course Texts:

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Grading policy:

Short quizzes following most modules--40%
Midterm exam--25%
Final exam—35%

Class Schedule

Week of January 13, 2014  Module 1 - Introduction to class and Chapter 1
Week of January 20, 2014  Module 2 - Chapter 2
January 23, 2014  Spring Census Date
Week of January 27, 2014  Module 3 - Chapter 3
Week of February 3, 2014  Module 4 - Chapters 4 and 5
Week of February 10, 2014  Module 5 - Chapter 6
Week of February 17, 2014  Module 6 - Chapter 7
Week of February 24, 2014  Module 7 - Chapter 8
Week of March 3, 2014  Module 8 - Chapter 9
Week of March 10, 2014  Spring Break
Week of March 17, 2014  Module 9 - Chapter 10
College Website: www.utt Tyler.edu/cbt

POLICIES THAT MUST APPEAR IN EACH COURSE SYLLABUS
The following University policies must appear on each course syllabus or be provided as an informational sheet (web-links to these policies may be used in the print or electronic syllabus)
http://www.utt Tyler.edu/academicaffairs/syllabuspolicies.pdf

Students Rights and Responsibilities
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www2.utt Tyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.utt Tyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.
Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.
The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions that students need to be aware of. These include:
• Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
• Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
• Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
• Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
• Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid
State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date). Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu

Student Absence due to Religious Observance
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Evacuation:
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services

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