Business Management 303. The Legal Environment of Business

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1. Introduction

This course is an introduction to the legal environment of business. On a basic level that means an introduction to understanding the law and legal system. But the "legal environment" also includes the political context in which laws are written and enforced, the social, economic and historical events that influence the creation, enforcement, and application of laws. The regulatory activities of federal, state and local agencies, alternative methods of dispute resolution, and how the legal system operates in general.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the course are to:

- promote an in-depth introduction to various aspects of the law and how it affects everyday life.
- encourage you to see connections between the law and political, social and economic forces in society;
- enhance your critical understanding of how the legal and moral environment of business changes,
- improve your research, writing, and presentation skills.
- provide a basic understanding of the legal system.

3. Reading Assignments, Topics of Discussion, and Exams

DATE	TOPIC	CHAPTER
1. August 29	Introduction (What is the Law)	1, 7 (p115-128)
2. September 5------**NO CLASS-ROSH HASHANA**		

3.	September 12	Federalism and the Legal System Litigation and ADR	3 and 4
4.	September 19	Government Regulation of Business Consumer Protection	5,23
5.	September 26	Ethics & White Collar Crime	2 ,7 & appx B
6.	October 3	Business Torts- Intentional	6
7.	OCTOBER 10	**FALL BREAK- NO CLASS**	
8.	October 17	Torts Continued: Negligence, and Product Liability,	6
9.	October 24	Midterm- Contracts	
10.	October 31	Contracts and Warranties	9, 10 (appx A)
11.	November 7	Property-Real/Personal/Intellectual	8, 25
12.	November 14	Agency	18
13.	November 21	Labor and Employment	20, 21
14.	NOVEMBER 28	**THANKSGIVING- NO CLASS**	

15. December 5	Employment Discrimination Sexual Harassment	19
16. December 9-13	FINAL EXAM (to be scheduled)	

Information on Assignments and Attendance

1. Assignments must be turned in **before** class begins on the date on which the assignment is due. All assignments turned in after class will be considered **late**. Late assignments will receive a grade of "F" unless excused. .

2. If you are absent on the day an exam is given, it is **your responsibility** to contact the instructor **before** the exam is administered. Deferments will only be granted for very good cause shown. Failure to contact the instructor before the exam and/or failure to show very good cause for a deferment may result in your not being able to make up the be test and **you receiving a grade of "F" for that exam.**

3. If you are absent on the day on which an assignment is handed out, it is **your responsibility** to make arrangements to obtain the assignment and complete such assignment by the due date.

4. If you are absent on a day on which an in-class assignment is completed, it is **your responsibility** to make arrangements to obtain the assignment from a classmate prior to the next class meeting and to complete and turn in such assignment on or before the next scheduled class. **If the in-class assignment is not turned in before the next scheduled class, it will be considered late and receive a grade of zero**.

5. Attendance is very strongly recommended. Absences will be noted and will be considered in assigning a final grade. Class participation will also be considered in assigning a final grade.

NOTE: If you stop coming to class, it is *your* responsibility to go to the Registrar's Office and submit the proper form to be formally withdrawn from the course. If you fail to submit the proper form, you will automatically receive an "F" as your grade at the end of the semester.

6. All assignments must be completed in a well-written, interesting and readable manner. All written work must be neatly typed-double space. No handwritten material will be accepted.

7. All written work must conform to the rules of proper English, spelling, paragraphs, punctuation, and sentence structure. Slang, abbreviations, and bad grammar are to be avoided.

8. If you are confused, lost, uncertain about assignments or class in general, email the professor in advance for clarification. I also can meet with you after class.

9. The power to all electronic communications devices shall be turned off during all classes, quizzes and examinations. No cell phones are EVER to be on in class.

10. The power to all electronic devices, including hand-held computers and communication devices, shall be turned off during examinations and quizzes. Failure to power-off such devices may result in you not being allowed to complete such quiz or exam.

Academic Integrity/Cheating/Plagiarism

An original work product on all assignments is expected of each and every student. Assignments are to be a student's own work product and not a collaborative effort, unless indicated otherwise. All materials excerpted or quoted from a source must be properly identified and cited. Cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, and/or plagiarism may result in a grade of "F" for the course and appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with college policies and procedures.

Grading

EXAMS	50%
CLASS PARTICIPATION (attendance is part of participating)	25%
ASSIGNMENTS (composition-spelling grammar, style all count)	25%

General Grade Scale for assignments, and exams:

A+ = 100	A = 95	A- = 91
B+ = 88	B = 85	B- = 81
C+ = 78	C = 75	C- = 71
D+ = 68	D = 65	F = <65

Exams however will be graded on a curve.

Final Class Grades Are Advanced on an A, B, C, D, F scale. There also MAY BE + or – final class grades.

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING UPON THE PROGRESS OF THE CLASS.