

CLASS SYLLABUS

BUSINESS LAW I

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DAY CLASS

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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This course provides an overview of U.S. law as it relates to business and commerce. Ethical implications will be discussed.

At the conclusion of this course the student is expected to:

1. have obtained a thorough understanding of the basic vocabulary of law;
2. have obtained a thorough knowledge of the history and principles governing business law in the United States; and,
3. be able to analyze unique facts and correctly apply governing principles using correct vocabulary.

REQUIRED TEXT

Barnes, A. James. Law for Business (10th ed.) McGraw, Hill, Irwin.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Test No. 1	20% of grade (200 points)
Test No. 2	20% of grade (200 points)
Test No. 3	20% of grade (200 points)
Test No. 4	20% of grade (200 points)
Attendance & class participation	20% of grade (200 points)*

*For the semester this equals approximately 4 points per class. Attendance is an individual score and represents half of the points. Class participation is a group score and represents the remaining points.

GENERAL POLICIES

Assignments. There is only one homework assignment for this class, READ THE BOOK. However, the instructor reserves the right to give quizzes and/or assignments at his discretion which may be factored into the final course grade.

Attendance. ATTENDANCE COUNTS. Students are expected to attend classes as scheduled. Attendance will be taken once each class. If present when attendance is taken you receive credit for the entire class; and, if not present when attendance is taken you do not receive any points, regardless whether you show up later.

Class participation. CLASS PARTICIPATION COUNTS. Students are expected to actively participate and make a positive contribution to the class.

Disabilities. Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodation. If you believe you need accommodation please see the appropriate college officials. **THE INSTRUCTOR IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION AND DISABILITIES SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM.**

Cell phones. CELL PHONE USE IS PROHIBITED IN CLASS. Please make certain your phone is OFF at the start of each class. Disruptions by cell phones or inattention due to texting will not be tolerated.

Cheating. CHEATING IS NOT TOLERATED. THERE ARE NO SECOND CHANCES.

Changes. THIS SYLLABUS IS A GUIDELINE ONLY. The instructor reserves the right to change the provisions of this syllabus and/or course content at any time.

Extra Credit. THERE IS NO EXTRA CREDIT.

Make-up exams. As a general policy, MAKE-UP EXAMS ARE NOT PERMITTED absent extreme circumstances (as determined by the instructor) and even then only with advance notice.

Preparation. All students are expected to complete all reading assignments BEFORE class begins. STUDENTS ARE CAUTIONED NOT TO FALL BEHIND IN READING ASSIGNMENTS.

GRADING SCALE

Total Course Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
940-1000 points	94%-100%	A
900-939	90% - 93%	A-
870-899	87% - 89%	B+
840-869	84%-86%	B
800-839	80%-83%	B-
770-799	77%-79%	C+
740-769	74%-76%	C
700-739	70%-73%	C-
670-699	67%-69%	D+
640-669	64%-66%	D
600-639	60%-63%	D-
599 and below	59% and below	F