

CLASS SYLLABUS

BUSINESS LAW I Spring, 2008

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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 (2005). Law for Business (9th ed.). McGraw, Hill, Irwin.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Examination No. 1	25% of grade (250 points)
Examination No. 2	25% of grade (250 points)
Examination No. 3	25% of grade (250 points)
Attendance and class participation	25% of grade (250 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 written 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 credit. Students are expected to be in their seats and ready to begin at the scheduled start time. Attendance is an individual score equaling 150/250 points.

Class participation. Class participation counts. Students are expected to actively participate and make a positive contribution to the class. Class participation is a group score equaling 100/250 points.

Disabilities. Students with documented disabilities may be eligible for reasonable accommodation. If you believe you need accommodation please see the appropriate college officials before an immediate need arises.

Cell phones. Cell phones are banned from the class. Please make certain your phone is OFF at the start of each class. Disruptions by cell phones 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. As a general policy, there is NO EXTRA CREDIT work.

Make-up Exams. As a general policy, make-up exams are not permitted absent extreme circumstances (as determined by the instructor) and ADVANCE NOTICE.

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

Study Groups. Students are encouraged to join together in study groups.

GRADING SCALE

Total Course Points	Percentage	Letter Grade
900 – 1000 points	90% -- 100%	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