



BUSINESS LAW I

Course Syllabus

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COURSE NUMBER: BUS 121

PREREQUISITE(S): ENG 032 or placement, RDG 100 or placement, MAT 032 or placement

CO-REQUISITE(S): None

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS This course is a study of legal procedures, law and society, classifications and systems of law, the Tribunals Administering Justice and their actions, contracts, sales, transfer of titles, rights and duties of the parties, conditions, and warranties.

TEXTBOOK(S): Beatty, Jeffery F. and Susan S. Samuelson. Introduction to Business Law. 3rd Edition. Ohio: Cengage Learning, South-Western, 2010. ISBN # 978-0-324-82699-9

REFERENCE(S): None

OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS, TOOLS, AND EQUIPMENT: Computer with Internet access, Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher or other current browser, Java, word processing software (must be able to save Word format), and anti-virus software.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION: This course will be taught by lecture, brainstorming, demonstration, individual and group projects, and group problem solving methods of instruction.

GRADING SYSTEM:

90	-	100	=	A
80	-	89	=	B
70	-	79	=	C
60	-	69	=	D
Below	-	60	=	F

GRADE CALCULATION METHOD:

Assignments/Quizzes/Discussion	=	20%
Tests/Midterm	=	40%
Final Exam/Project	=	40%
	=	<u>100%</u>

**ATTENDANCE
POLICY:**

The student is responsible for punctual and regular attendance in all classes, laboratories, clinical, practica, internships, field trips, and other required class activities. The College does not grant excused absences; therefore, students are urged to reserve their absences for emergencies. When illness or other emergencies occur, the student is responsible for notifying instructors and completing missed work if approved for late submission by instructors.

The student is tardy if not in class at the time the class is scheduled to begin and is admitted to class at the discretion of the instructor.

Instructors maintain attendance records. However, it is the student's responsibility to withdraw from a course. A student enrolling in and attending at least one course session remains enrolled until the student initiates a withdrawal.

Withdrawal Policy: During the first 75% of the course, a student may initiate withdrawal and receive a grade of W. A student cannot initiate a withdrawal during the last 25% of the course. Extenuating circumstances require documentation and approval by the appropriate department head and academic dean.

Absences for Religious Holidays: Students who are absent from class in order to observe religious holidays are responsible for the content of any activities missed and for the completion of assignments occurring during the period of absence. Students who anticipate their observance of religious holidays will cause them to be absent from class and do not wish such absences to penalize their status in class should adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Observance of religious holidays resulting in three or fewer consecutive absences: Discuss the situation with the instructor and provide written notice at least one week prior to the absence(s). Develop (in writing) and instructor-approved plan which outlines the make up of activities and assignments.
2. Observances of religious holidays resulting in four or more consecutive absences: Discuss the situation with the instructor and provide the instructor with

written notice within the first 10 days of the academic term. Develop an instructor-approved plan with outlines the make up of activities and assignments.

**CLASSROOM
CONDUCT:**

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Students are expected to uphold the integrity of the College's standard of conduct, specifically in regards to academic honesty. All forms of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating on assignments/tests, plagiarism, collusion, and falsification of information will call for disciplinary action. Disciplinary action imposed may include one or more of the following: written reprimand, loss of credit for assignment/test, termination from course, and probation, suspension, or expulsion from the College. For further explanation of this and other conduct codes, please refer to the Student Handbook.

CELLULAR PHONES AND PAGERS/BEEPERS: Cellular phones, pagers and beepers are not permitted to be turned on or used within the classroom. Use of these devices during classroom time will be considered a violation of the student code as it relates to "disruptive behavior."

**CLASS/LAB
PROCEDURES:**

Students are responsible for reading and following each assigned chapter, referencing the material available on the web site, posting answers to the discussion topics, utilizing any online reference materials available and contacting the instructor with any questions or concerns.

All assignments must be completed and turned in for grading as scheduled. **No assignment will be accepted after its due date.**

There are **NO** makeup tests. ONE zero on a test grade may be replaced with the final exam grade.

The Learning Center, located in the rooms E-2 & E-5 of the East Building, provides computers for your use. Check the website <http://www.sccsc.edu/resources/tutoring/tlc> or call 592-4968 for current semester operating hours.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Students who need special accommodations in this class because of a documented disability should notify Student Disability Services by calling (864) 592-4818, toll-free 1-800-922-3679; via email through the SCC web site at www.sccsc.edu/resources/disabilities; or by visiting the office located in the East Building Room 30-B on the SCC Central

campus. Contacting Student Disability Services early in the semester gives the College an opportunity to provide necessary support services and appropriate accommodations.

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Inclement Weather Schedule:

- Check SCC Web Site: www.sccsc.edu
- Tune to **Channel-7** Local T.V. Station (CBS)
- Tune to an FM/AM Local radio station

**COURSE OUTCOMES
& OBJECTIVES:**

Upon satisfactory completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- I. Evaluate the dimensions of the legal environment
 1. Explain the concept and the origin of law
 2. List the functions of administrative agencies
 3. Evaluate the role the Constitution plays in the development of law
 4. Explain the importance of the Bill of Rights
 5. Compare the state and federal court systems

Evaluate the dimensions of tort and product liability

1. Distinguish between intentional tort and negligence
2. Name the four requirements to prove negligence
3. Evaluate the legalities of product liability
4. Explain what business crimes are

II. Evaluate the dimensions of contract law

1. Summarize the nature and requirements for a valid contract
2. List the various classifications of contracts

3. Explain breach of contract and the remedies of performance
 4. Explain the importance of determining when ownership and risk of loss pass
- III. Evaluate the dimensions of consumer protection
 1. Distinguish between express and implied warranties
 2. Discuss concepts related to product liability
 - IV. Evaluate the dimensions of employer-employee relations
 1. List duties and liabilities of the employer
 2. Describe the liability of an employer to third parties
 3. List employee's duties to the employer
 4. Discuss protections given to employees by federal and state laws
 - V. Evaluate the dimensions of business organization
 1. Identify the three most widely used types of business organization
 2. Identify advantages and disadvantages of each type of business organization
 - VI. Demonstrate problem solving and written communication skills
 1. Use the proper research tools to locate answers to legal questions and terms