

Course	BUSN 5630 Business Law
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Catalog Description	This course provides a basic understanding of laws that relate to business with emphasis on the law of contracts, negotiable instruments, secured transactions, business organization and structure, relationships among firms, and property. Case studies are analyzed in order to give the student an understanding of how these various laws have evolved.
Prerequisites	NONE
Course Level Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students know the terminology, concepts, and general legal principles that impact the business environment • Students have the ability to discuss legal issues in factual scenarios. • Students can apply legal concepts to resolve legal issues that arise in the business environment.
Materials	<p>Mann, Richard A. & Roberts, Barry S. Smith, Smith & Roberson's Business Law, Thompson Learning. ISBN 0324204868.</p> <p>The book may be obtained through MBS Direct Books at 1-800-325-3252 or www.mbsdirect.net.</p> <p>Please be aware when purchasing your textbooks that the International versions of the text may differ from Domestic (North American) version required for your course.</p>
Grading	<p>Examinations 70% Presentations and Class participation 30%</p> <p>The GRADUATE catalog provides these guidelines and grading options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A/A- Superior graduate work • B+/B/B- Satisfactory graduate work • C Work that is barely adequate as graduate-level performance • CR Work that is performed as satisfactory graduate work (B- or better). A grade of "CR" is reserved for courses designated by a department, involving internships, a thesis, practicums, or specified courses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• F Work that is unsatisfactory• I Incomplete work• ZF An incomplete which was not completed within one year of the end of the course. ZF is treated the same as an F or NC for all cases involving G.P.A., academic warning, probation, and dismissal.• IP In progress• NR Not reported• W Withdrawn from the course
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<p>Activities</p>	<p>While the majority of class time will be lecture based, students will also be expected to answer questions and to work alone or in groups to explore concepts. Further students are required to keep up with current macroeconomic events during the course.</p>
<p>Policy Statements: University Policies</p>	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p>Academic Honesty</p> <p>The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p>Drops and Withdrawals</p> <p>Please be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals (published elsewhere) to find out what the deadlines are for dropping a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p>Special Services</p> <p>If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p>Disturbances</p> <p>Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, disruption of class by inconsiderate behavior is not acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.</p> <p>Student Assignments Retained</p>

	<p>From time to time, student assignments or projects will be retained by The Department for the purpose of academic assessment. In every case, should the assignment or project be shared outside the academic Department, the student's name and all identifying information about that student will be redacted from the assignment or project.</p> <p>Contact Hours for this Course</p> <p>It is essential that all classes meet for the full instructional time as scheduled. A class cannot be shortened in length. If a class session is cancelled for any reason, it must be rescheduled.</p>
Course Policies	<p>To receive the full allocation of points for class participation, you must both be present and engaged. Therefore attendance is required. Excusable absences that result in a letter grade difference for the course should be discussed with the instructor.</p>
Weekly Schedule	<p>Classes will be held 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Assigned chapters should be reviewed before each class.</p> <p>Week one Chapters 1, 2, 3 Week two Chapters 6, 7 and 8 Week three Case studies; First exam Week four Chapters 4, 5 Week five Chapters 34, 35, 36 and 37; First presentation Week six Case studies; Second exam Week seven Chapters 40, 42; Second presentation Week eight Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 18 Week nine Class summary; Final exam</p>
Additional Information	<p>This syllabus may be revised at the discretion of the instructor without the prior notification or consent of the student.</p>

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