



Louisville Metropolitan Campus
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Course Syllabus BUSN 5630

Course	BUSN 5630 Business Law Section 58
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Term & Date	Summer 08, May 26-July 26, Wednesday, 6 -10 pm
Location	Louisville Metropolitan Campus
Course 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Graduate level writing and research skills.● The student should demonstrate a working knowledge of the fundamentals, terms and concepts of law as it related to business.
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Apply business concepts and legal issues:● Communicate in writing and orally in business or legal terms; and● Establish and apply knowledge of legal concepts to factual situations.
Course Level Learning Outcomes	<p><u>Upon completion of this course, Students should be able to:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Evaluate a problem from the area of law involved.● Identify issues and general principles of law surrounding a business problem.● Demonstrate a working knowledge of areas of law applied in the business environment.● Define, discuss and differentiate important legal terminology, concepts, principles, and issues related to constitutional, contract, sales, tort, and product liability laws.● Discuss and explain the purpose and basic functioning of the court/legal system in the United States.● Demonstrate an awareness of business ethics, and explain the relationship of law and ethics.● Develop solutions to moderately complex business legal problems using the terminology, facts, concepts, principles, laws, and theories taught in this course.

Textbooks	<p>Anderson’s Business Law and the Legal Environment, Comprehensive Volume, (20th Ed.) Twomey, Jennings & Fox © 2008, 2005 ISBN 10: 0-324-63818-3</p> <p>Texts can be obtained by calling MBS Direct at 1-800-325-3252, or at Virtual Bookstore at www.mbsdirect.net. Credit Cards and Checks are accepted.</p>
Supplemental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Street Journal—current articles on contracts, bankruptcies, stocks • Business Week—current articles on local business matters pertaining to the legal system • Internet Legal Research Sites
Grades	<p><u>Course Requirements/Scoring Criteria:</u></p> <p>% of grade</p> <p>20% Term Paper Instructor will assign requirements on the first night of class; topic must be approved by instructor; paper to be 5-7 typewritten pages 20%</p> <p>60% Examinations mid-term 30%; final 30% mid-term is take-home; final is in class</p> <p>10% Class participation* all students are expected to participate</p> <p>10% Class presentation Oral presentation on papers</p> <p>If a class session is missed: *In lieu of class presentation, please prepare a 5 page typewritten case summary on the following topics with instructor approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Torts 2. Contract Law 3. Employment Law <p><u>Grades:</u></p> <p>90 – 100 percent A 80 – 89 percent B 70 – 79 percent C 69 percent or less F Incomplete work I</p>
Activities	Lecture, class discussions, case studies, directed research.

**University Policy
Statements**

CONDUCT

Students enrolling in a graduate program at Webster University assume the obligation of conducting themselves in a manner compatible with the University's function as an educational institution. Misconduct for which students are subject to discipline may be divided into the following categories:

1. All forms of dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the University.
2. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other University activities or of other authorized activities on University premises.
3. Theft of or damage to property of the University.

Students who cheat or plagiarize may receive a failing grade for the course in which the cheating or plagiarism took place. Students who engage in any of the above misconducts may be subject to dismissal from the University on careful consideration by the executive vice president of the University or his designee. To the extent that penalties for any of these misconducts (e.g., theft or destruction of property) are prescribed by law, the University will consider appropriate action under such laws.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Students are expected to attend all class sessions of every course. In the case of unavoidable absence, the student **must** contact the instructor. The student is subject to appropriate academic penalty for incomplete or unacceptable makeup work, or for excessive or unexcused absences. Generally, a student who misses more than one four-hour course period (per course) without a documented military or medical excuse and advanced permission of the instructor should withdraw from the class. The University reserves the right to involuntarily drop enrolled students from classes, which they do not attend. Students who do not attend the first class session, who have not made prior arrangements with the instructor for being absent, will be subject to being dropped from their courses.

MAKE-UP WORK REQUIREMENTS

For each class missed, makeup work will be assigned and must be submitted at the next class. The instructor will assign the topic and amount of work. This makeup work will be incorporated into the class participation grade. If the make-up work is not submitted on time, the student's final grade will be subject to a reduction of one (1) letter grade.

Students are responsible for any class material presented during their absence, and any assignments due should be submitted prior to the absence, if possible.

DISCLAIMER

This syllabus is intended to provide a basic structure to this course. It **MAY** be modified for class size, student competencies, etc. **Adherence to this syllabus is subject to change at the sole discretion of the instructor.**

Course Policies	NA
Schedule	COURSE SCHEDULE
<u>Week 1 May 30</u>	<u>THEME: The Legal System</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 1,2,3,4 ◆ Introduction—discuss research paper
<u>Week 2 June 6</u>	<u>THEME: Unfair Competition; Agencies; International Law; Crimes</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 5,6,7,8
<u>Week 3 June 13</u>	<u>THEME: Torts; Intellectual Property; Contracts</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 9,10,12 ◆ Interpretation and enforcement of contracts
<u>Week 4 June 20</u>	<u>THEME: Contracts</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 13, 17, 20 ◆ MID-TERM—Take home
<u>Week 5 June 27</u>	<u>THEME: Product Liability; Remedies For Breach of Sales Contracts; Consumer Protection</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 25,27,33
<u>Week 6 July 4</u>	<u>THEME: Employment; Business Entities</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 39-41
<u>Week 7 July 11</u>	<u>THEME: Partnerships; Corporations; LLCs</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 42-44 ◆ Oral Presentation ◆ Research Papers due
<u>Week 8 July 18</u>	<u>THEME: Corporations; Securities</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapters 46,48 ◆ Oral Presentation
<u>Week 9 July 25</u>	<u>THEME: Environmental Law</u> Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Read Chapter 50 ◆ FINAL EXAM- in class