

BSAD P140

Business Law

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Required Texts:

Beatty, Jeffrey F. and Susan S. Samuelson. Introduction to Business Law 3rd Ed. Mason, OH: South-Western Cengage Learning, 2010.

Additional readings may be assigned as appropriate.

Student Learning Outcomes:

By the completion of this course you will be able to:

1. Identify and use the business/legal terms introduced.
2. Explain the foundation of the American Legal System through: court jurisdiction, constitutional regulation, and torts
3. Explain how businesses are formed and operated.

GRADING:

Projects (4 Total)	80 total points/25% of total grade
Exams (2 Total)	160 total points/50% of total grade
Discussions (4 Total)	80 total points/25% of total grade

THE GRADING SCALE: A: 90-100%, B: 80-89%, C: 70-79%, D: 60-69%, F: 59% or less

PROJECTS: There are four assigned projects throughout the semester. These projects will consist of various methods (i.e. article research, important events/subjects, etc). You will be notified at the beginning of the semester specifically what these required projects will entail.

EXAM PROTOCOL: All exams are open book. You must complete these tests in one sitting. Because I allow you to use your books and other references for these exams, I expect essay answers to be well thought out, logical and concise. Grammar, word usage and spelling are your responsibility.

EXAMS ARE ALWAYS DUE BY TUESDAY AT 11 PM!! *There are NO makeup exams allowed unless there is an emergency situation and I have been contacted prior to the closing of the quiz/exam. At 11PM quizzes and exams close. Computer problems happen, in order to avoid these affecting your grade don't wait until the last day to complete your assignments.*

EXAMS: There are two exams during the semester

DISCUSSIONS: The class discussions are worth 20 points each. Your responses to my posted topic are to be a minimum of 500 words. Your responses to another student (at least one required) must be at least 200

words. You must contribute an intellectual comment and cite your sources where required. In order to receive full credit you must respond to my posted topic in an intellectual manner by Thursday of the week and respond to another student by Sunday. All discussion questions will close every Tuesday at 11pm. All posts must remain on topic. Personal feels and information should not be included. These discussions must be written in an academic manner. This means you MUST include proper spelling and grammar; this is NOT a text message.

NETIQUETTE:

Porterville College promotes the advance of knowledge through positive and constructive debate--both inside and outside the classroom. Discussions on the Internet, however, can occasionally degenerate into needless insults. Such conduct and the loss of good manners are not acceptable in a university setting--basic academic rules of good behavior and proper "Netiquette" must persist. Any violation in the discussion board "netiquette" will result in immediate academic discipline.

HOMEWORK: The homework in the course consists of discussion questions and projects. It is strongly suggested that you complete the questions at the end of every chapter and check your answers. You should also utilize the study guide that accompanies the text. There is a lot of mathematics in economics and concepts build on each other, it is not good to get behind. If there is a specific concept that you are struggling with I encourage you to contact me or to seek out study groups.

LATE ASSIGNMENTS / EXAMS: Exams and homework are always due by 11pm on the scheduled due date.

DROP POLICY: After the first week of class it is your responsibility to make sure you drop or you will receive an F in the class.

KEY DATES: All important dates can be found in the Class Calendar in Module 1. Please make a note of all due dates.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: The format of the class allows students to control their work schedules within the confines of deadlines established by the course calendar.

I expect all assignments to be completed and turned in by the due dates set up in the calendar. I will post grades within 7 days from the scheduled due date

You should plan to spend *at least* 10 hours/week studying for this class. If you find yourself falling behind, contact me to discuss the appropriate course of action. If you decide to drop the course, follow the school's protocols

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students with disabilities or students who think they may have a learning disability and who may need accommodations in this class are encouraged to contact the school so appropriate provisions can be made. (559-791-2200) as soon as possible to better insure that any accommodations are emplaced in a timely manner"

OTHER POLICIES: See Student Handbook for college wide policies regarding academic dishonesty, classroom behavior, etc

DAILY OUTLINE OF CURRICULUM		
DAY	UNIT OF INSTRUCTION OR TOPIC	ASSIGNMENT DUE
Week 1 Aug 23-29	Chapter 1- Introduction to Law	Introduction Discussion
Week 2 Aug 30-Sep 5	Chapter 2-Business Ethics and Social Responsibility	Discussion 1 *Sep 3- Last day to drop SEMESTER-length course and qualify for refund.
Week 3 Sep 6-12	Chapter 3-Courts, Litigation, and Alternative Dispute Resolution	
Week 4 Sep 13-19	Chapter 4- Constitutional, Statutory, Administrative, and Common Law	Project 1
Week 5 Sep 20-26	Chapter 6- Negligence and Strict Liability	Discussion 2
Week 6 Sep 27-Oct 3	Chapter 7- Criminal Law and Procedure Chapter 8- International Law	*Sep 20- Last day to drop semester-length course and not have it appear on transcript.
Week 7 Oct 4-10	Midterm	
Week 8 Oct 11-17	Chapter 9- Introduction to Contracts	Project 2
Week 9 Oct 18-24	Chapter 10- Legality, Consent, and Writing	
Week 10 Oct 25-31	Chapter 15- Bankruptcy	Discussion 3
Week 11 Nov 1-7	Chapter 17- Employment Law Chapter 18- Employment Discrimination	Nov. 1- Last day to drop semester-length course without a letter penalty and receive a "W"

Week 12 Nov 8-14	Chapter 20- Starting a Business: LLCs and Other Options	Project 3
Week 13 Nov 15-21	Chapters 26- Cyberlaw	Nov 18- Priority registration begins for Spring 2011 for continuing students
Week 14 Nov 22-24**	Discussion Participation Only	Discussion 4
Week 15 Nov 29-Dec 5	Chapter 29- Landlord-Tenant Law	Project 4
Week 16 Dec 6-11	Final	Dec. 1- Open registration begins for Spring 2011 for returning and new students

**The time off is for the Thanksgiving Holiday