Course Syllabus

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Department: Business Administration
Course Title: Business Law One
Section Name: WB, WB9
Start Date: 08/22/2011
End Date: 12/08/2011
Modality: ONLINE
Credits: 3

Instructor Information

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Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-9:30

Course Description

Provides information about the legal system and its impact on business operations and decisions. Learning activities provide students opportunities to acquire factual information about designated topics as well as to apply and relate that knowledge to simulated and current business situations. Topics covered include the legal environment of business, the nature and source of legal systems, law of contracts, agency, government regulation of business, and property. Ethical perspectives are integrated throughout the course.
Prerequisites/Corequisites

: PASSED TASP ENGLISH, READING, AND MATHMATICS

Scans

(6, 7, 10, 11)

Course Objectives

1. To demonstrate competency in the basic nature of law and its application of that law through the legal system.
   1.1 *Interpret the language of the law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   1.2 *Explain legal theories. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   1.3 *Compare and contrast legal and equitable remedies. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   1.4 *Interpret International Law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   1.5 *Relate to ethics and social responsibility. (6, 7, 10, 11)

2. To demonstrate competency in the sources and classifications of Law and be able to relate the different categories of law to their sources.
   2.1 *Compare and contrast Constitutional Law--federal and state. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   2.2 *Compare and contrast Common law--courts and procedures. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   2.3 *Compare and contrast Administrative law--federal and state. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   2.4 *Compare and contrast Statutory law--federal and state. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   2.5 *Explain classifications--tort, business torts, intellectual property, criminal. (6, 7, 10, 11)

3. To demonstrate competency in the basics of contract law including formation, elements, potential problems, requirements for writing, third party rights, performance, discharge, and remedies.
   3.1 *List the Nature and Classification of Contracts. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   3.2 *Interpret Agreement and Consideration. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   3.3 *Interpret Capacity and Legality. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   3.4 *Interpret Assent and Form. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   3.5 *Explain Third Party Rights and Discharge. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   3.6 *Explain Breach and Remedies. (6, 7, 10, 11)

4. To demonstrate competency in and describe the role of law and government in the regulation of business activities.
   4.1 *Justify need for government regulation. (6, 7, 10, 11)
4.2 *Explain historical perspectives. (6, 7, 10, 11)
4.3 *Explain response to changing society. (6, 7, 10, 11)
4.4 *Appraise ethics and government regulations. (6, 7, 10, 11)
5. To demonstrate competency in the basic purposes and significant
   federal legislation related to:
   5.1 *Interpret Anti-trust law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   5.2 *Interpret Consumer and Environmental law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   5.3 *Interpret Employee and Labor law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
6. To demonstrate competency in types of property by legal definition and
   demonstrate an understanding of application of laws to ownership, use
   and disposition of the property.
   6.1 *Explain Personal Property and Bailment. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   6.2 *Define Real Property--includes Texas law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   6.3 *Interpret Insurance, Wills and Trusts--includes Texas law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
7. To demonstrate competency in understanding of the United States legal
   system/business applications as compared to the world of international
   business.
   7.1 *Explain historical perspectives. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   7.2 *Explain trade balance. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   7.3 *Compare and contrast competition in the international markets vs. national
      market. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   7.4 *Defend product liability. (6, 7, 10, 11)
8. To demonstrate competency in ethical considerations as the law applied to
   various business activities and situations.
   8.1 *Explain contract law--formation and defects. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   8.2 *Describe relationship to government regulation. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   8.3 *Define property laws. (6, 7, 10, 11)
   8.4 *Evaluate basic human rights--finding a fair balance. (6, 7, 10, 11)
In addition to the basic reading competency needed for this course, SCANS
competencies 6, 7, 10, 11 are developed.
* Indicates integrated, core curriculum skills (Math, Reading, Technological
Literacy, and/or Critical Thinking)

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Required Readings/Materials

a) You must purchase the following *required* readings/materials:

Blackboard Access Key
Essentials of Business Law, Beatty and Samuelson, 3rd Ed.

b) You are encouraged to buy the following *optional* books/materials

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

A. Reading of the assigned materials.
B. Intangibles (attitude, preparation).
C. Satisfactory performance on examinations.

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Grading Policy

Each week, I will provide grades or scores and comments on assignments within 6 days of when they were submitted. After I send feedback each week, I will post a notification in the Main forum.
Late assignments receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late if assignments are not posted by 11:59 p.m. central on the day they are due. Assignments more than 5 days late will not be accepted. Technological issues will not be considered as valid grounds for late assignment submission. In the event of a server outage, students should submit assignments to the instructor.

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Special Needs

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

Learning Resource Center (Library)

The Library, known as the Learning Resources Center, provides research assistance via the LRC's catalog (print books, videos, e-books) and databases (journal and magazine articles). Research guides covering specific subject areas, tutorials, and the "Ask a Librarian" service provide additional help.

Student E-mail

Please access your Odessa College Student E-mail, by following the link to either set up or update your account: http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/.

Student Portal

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Technical Support
For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm.

**Important School Policies**

For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm).

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