

BUSINESS LAW I
BLAW 3150-090 (Mondays 6:30 – 9:15 PM) On-Line via WebEx

Syllabus and Course Outline
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TEXTBOOK (Required)

Clarkson, West's 15th Edition (Cengage Unlimited E Textbook).

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Author: CLARKSON

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Prerequisite: Junior level standing.

Business Law I is a study of the legal setting of business and its relationship to the business firm. Topics covered include: the nature of law, criminal and civil procedure and the court system, business ethics, courts and alternative dispute

resolution, constitutional authority to regulate business, criminal law, the law of torts, contract and sales law, product liability, intellectual property and cyberlaw.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

The objective of this course is to develop a student's ability to identify, analyze, and resolve problems typically encountered by managers within the framework of legal, regulatory, social and ethical considerations. Students should understand why these considerations are essential to all managers who operate business enterprises.

POLICIES

To achieve these objectives the following policies are adopted in this course:

- Students are expected to know the descriptive material and analyze all of the cases.
- In order to learn how to correctly identify and apply the legal principles you study in the text, you should complete the homework for every chapter we cover in class from CengageNow. These homework assignments will not be graded.
- Classroom time is used to discuss legal principles and utilize them in the analysis and resolution of legal problems presented in class.
- Because of the size of the class, attendance is not required but is highly recommended.
- There will be homework assignments for the Chapters covered in class. Specifically, there will be 5 required “legal briefs” based on current state and federal court decisions. Each of the briefs will count up to 20 total points (100 possible points total)
- Students are examined in this course on three (2) tests including the final examination. These tests are designed to measure a student's ability to identify, analyze, and resolve legal problems. Factual situations are presented on the examinations, and students are required to determine a legal result in each case.
- A student's grade is determined by averaging his/her percentage score on the two (2) tests given in the course and the combined homework score. Each test will have 35 questions counting 2.857 points each for a total of 100 possible points. Each test will count 1/3 of your final grade as will the total score derived from the homework briefs.
- Letter grades are determined as follows

<u>PERCENTAGE RANGE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
90 – 100	A
80 – 89	B
70 – 79	C
60 – 69	D
Below 60	F

- All students are expected to comply with the university academic regulations concerning attendance, withdrawals, and other provisions of the catalog.

It is the policy of the course to follow the *UNC Charlotte Code of Student Integrity* as set forth in the 2009-2010 Catalog. This code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submissions of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials, and complicity in academic dishonesty. Students are expected to exhibit a level of personal honor and integrity that will bring credit to themselves and the University. Students who violate the code will be punished to the fullest extent possible. In short, academic dishonesty will not be tolerated by this instructor or the Department of Finance and Business Law. Any student in possession of a Business Law I examination (without permission) will be given an "F" in the course. There will be no exceptions to this rule. At the end of each examination, students will be required to hand in their examination booklets, without marks, and their answer sheets indicating the test booklet number.

The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age, culture, ethnicity, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Jan	25	Introduction to Course; Chapters 1-4 (The American Legal System)
Feb	1	Chapters 1-4 Continued
	5	Homework Assignment (Legal Brief #1) Due Date
	8	SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES

	15	Chapter 10 (Criminal Law)
	22	Chapter 6 (Tort Law)
Mar	1	Chapter 7 (Tort Law); Homework Assignment (Legal Brief #2) Due Date
Mar	8	TEST CHAPTERS 1-10 (Omit Chapters 5,8 & 9) Chapter 11 (Introduction to Contract Law)
	15	Chapter 12 (Offer & Acceptance)
	22	Chapter 13 (Consideration); Homework Assignment (Legal Brief #3) Due Date
	29	Chapter 14 (Capacity)
Apr	5	Chapter 15 (Mutual Assent/Voluntariness)
	12	Chapters 16 (Statute of Frauds/Writing Requirement); Homework Assignment (Legal Brief #4) Due Date
	19	Chapter 17 (Third Party Rights)
	26	Chapter 20 (Uniform Commercial Code/Sale of Goods)
May	3	Chapter 23 (Warranties); Homework Assignment (Legal Brief #5) Due Date
	10	Final Examination (Chapters 11-17, 20 & 23) <i>*FINAL EXAM WILL BE FROM 6:30 to 8:00 PM: time subject to change*</i>
