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BA 3010.001: The Legal Environment of Business
Department of Management & Marketing
College of Business Administration, University of New Orleans

Course Syllabus: FALL 2015

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Class Meetings:	MWF 9:00AM-9:50AM	Location:	KH 205
Office Hours:	MWF 8:00AM-9:00AM; by appointment		
Final Exam:	7:30AM-9:30AM on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 KH 205		

University Course Catalog Description

Nature and function of law and legal institutions in society, with emphasis on those areas of law most relevant to business operations. Topics include the court systems, torts, the Constitution and business administrative agencies, international law, labor law, antitrust law, and environmental law. A student may not receive credit for both BA 3010 and BA 4400.

Course Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

The objectives of this course are to help you learn and understand the technical principles and terms related to each area of the legal, ethical and international environments of business we study and to be able to apply them to specific situations, thus enhancing critical thinking abilities.

- To understand basic legal concepts and the impact of the legal Environment on organizations and in the marketplace
- To understand the factors which determine resolution of legal disputes and when an attorney should be consulted to provide guidance and/or representation
- To recognize the importance of defining and implementing ethical standards and policies of social responsibility that will create enduring relationships between firms and their clients and work to the general benefit of society as a whole
- To understand the global environment in which business is done and to recognize the differences in legal and ethical systems among the international states in which the firm may operate
- To enhance the student's critical thinking abilities in the discernment and resolution of legal and ethical dilemmas

Attendance Policy

Attendance at each class meeting is expected and will account for 10% of a student's final grade in the course. Attendance sheets will be kept for each meeting.

Required Text

Cheeseman, H. 2013. Business Law, 8th ed., published 2013 (ISBN: 9780130000000)

Grading

Final grades for the course will be tallied as follows:

Exam #1	15 points
Exam #2	15 points
Exam #3	15 points
Final Exam	45 points
<u>Attendance</u>	<u>10 points</u>
TOTAL	100 points

Letter Grades: I will evaluate your work numerically, on a scale of 1 – 100. At the conclusion of the course, your numeric grade will be converted to a letter grade as follows:

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

Exams: There will be three exams and one comprehensive final exam. Each exam will be objective. **Students must bring a BLUE SCANTRON and a PENCIL to each exam.**

Absence on Exam Day: If a student will be unable to take an exam at the scheduled time, he or she must inform the instructor as soon as possible to arrange a time to make up the exam. Failure to contact the instructor prior to the scheduled exam date will result in a zero on the missed exam and no make up exam will be permitted.

Extra Credit: Students will have the opportunity to earn up to 5 extra credits points through an assignment to be determined. **The extra credit assignment must be turned in to the instructor before the Final Exam by 7:30AM on December 9, 2015 by e-mail or in class.**

Moodle

Moodle is a great tool. Students can check the syllabus at any time and check for grades when the results have been posted.

Student Conduct

Per university policy and classroom etiquette, mobile devices **must be silenced** during all lectures. Of course, sometimes emergencies happen and we need to have access to our phones, but courtesy demands that students keep such disruptions to an absolute minimum.

Out of respect for your fellow classmates, please arrive on time for all class meetings. Arriving late (and leaving early) can be very disruptive and distracting.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

It is University policy to provide, on a flexible and individualized basis, reasonable accommodations to students who have disabilities that may affect their ability to participate in course activities or to meet course requirements. Students with disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services as well as their instructors to discuss their individual needs for accommodations. For more information, please go to www.ods.uno.edu.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is fundamental to the process of learning and evaluating academic performance. Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, the following: cheating, plagiarism, tampering with academic records and examinations, falsifying identity, and being an accessory to acts of academic dishonesty. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct for further information. The Code is available online at <http://www.studentaffairs.uno.edu>.

Tentative Schedule

All dates and assignments are tentative and can be changed at the discretion of the instructor. Be sure to complete the homework assignment before each class. This will greatly enhance your understanding of the topics that will be covered in class.

Date	Topic	Homework Assignment
8/19	Syllabus review and Introduction	Read pp. 12-17; 19-25
8/21	Legal Heritage and the Digital Age Courts and Jurisdiction	Read pp. 25-37
8/24	Courts and Jurisdiction	Read pp. 40-57
8/26	Judicial, Alternative, and E-Dispute Resolution	Read pp. 60-78
8/28	Constitutional Law for Business and E-Commerce	
8/31	Constitutional Law for Business and E-Commerce	Read pp. 84-101
9/2	Torts	
9/4	Torts	REVIEW FOR EXAM #1
9/7	LABOR DAY – NO CLASS	
9/9	In class review for Exam #1	REVIEW FOR EXAM #1
9/11	EXAM #1	Read pp. 105-116
9/14	Product and Strict Liability	Read pp. 120-140
9/16	Intellectual Property	Read pp. 168-178
9/18	Contracts	Read pp. 181-193
9/21	Contracts	Read pp. 196-203; 206-218
9/23	Contracts	Read pp. 221-229; 232-242
9/25	Contracts	Read pp. 264-278
9/28	Contracts	REVIEW FOR EXAM #2
9/30	Contracts; Catch up	REVIEW FOR EXAM #2
10/2	In class review for Exam #2	REVIEW FOR EXAM #2
10/5	EXAM #2	Read pp. 358-372; 375-389
10/7	Negotiable Instruments	Read pp. 392-405; 408-424
10/9	Negotiable Instruments	Read pp. 486-498
10/12	Agency	Read pp. 500-512
10/14	Agency	Read pp. 515-524
10/16	FALL BREAK – NO CLASS	
10/19	Employment	Read pp. 529-538
10/21	Employment	Read pp. 542-559
10/23	Employment	REVIEW FOR EXAM #3
10/26	Catch up	REVIEW FOR EXAM #3
10/28	In class review for Exam #3	REVIEW FOR EXAM #3

10/30	EXAM #3	Read pp. 564-578
11/2	Business Forms	Read pp. 581-590
11/4	Business Forms	Read pp. 593-613
11/6	Business Forms	Read pp. 654-669
11/9	Business Forms	Read pp. 672-685
11/11	Business Forms	Read pp. 710-720
11/13	Ethics and Social Responsibility of Businesses	Read pp. 751-762
11/16	Environmental Protection	Read pp. 765-783
11/18	Antitrust Law and Unfair Trade Practices	
11/20	Antitrust Law and Unfair Trade Practices	Read pp. 788-800
11/23	Property	Read pp. 804-816
11/25	Property	Read pp. 910-925
11/27	THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO CLASS	
11/30	International and World Trade Law	REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM
12/2	Catch up/In class review for Final Exam	REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM
12/4	In class review for Final Exam	REVIEW FOR FINAL EXAM
12/9	7:30AM-9:30AM – FINAL EXAM	