

Welcome to Business Law (BUS 18)

Fall 2019

CRN: 00307

Course Website: <https://deanza.instructure.com/>

Meeting Times: Online

Welcome to Dan Salah's Business Law class. Please read this carefully. It should answer many of your questions about the course. If you still have questions, feel free to send me an email and I'll respond as soon as possible.

Instructor Contact Information

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Course Goals

This course provides students with a general knowledge of the legal system and the most important legal concepts affecting business today. The course will stress legal vocabulary, concepts and applications leading to an understanding of the legal environment in which businesses operate. The course will help you better recognize and understand legal problems, avoid some of these problems, and know when professional help is needed.

The course is divided into three parts. The first part will cover the nature and source of the law, the legal system, constitutional law, administrative law, tort law, and criminal law as it is applicable to business. The second part of the class covers contract law. The final part of the class will address agency, employment, and intellectual property law. Finally we will discuss remedies to contracts, and 3rd party relationships.

Note that there are two assignments due for each chapter that we cover in the textbook. It looks like a lot at first, but don't worry because each assignment is relatively short. For example, you may be asked to watch a short video (3-4 minutes) and then answer some questions about it using drop-down boxes. You may also have a short quiz based on the textbook reading. Again, these should not take long.

Student Learning Outcomes

Demonstrate a knowledge of basic legal terminology and basic tort, constitutional, criminal, administrative and contract law.

Identify ethical issues in a business law context and evaluate business contractual issues using appropriate common or UCC rules.

Course Materials & Structure

De Anza Canvas Course Website:

This course will be hosted on De Anza's online course management system called Canvas. Go to Canvas (<https://deanza.instructure.com>) and login using your MyPortal credentials. Once you have logged in, you will see a Dashboard with our class listed. Review the class website as soon as you can. (The class website won't be available for review until the first day of class.) Some homework assignments and the final exam will be completed on the Canvas website. You can find a student guide to using Canvas [here](#). In addition, our Canvas course website will be linked to the textbook website hosted by FlatWorld Knowledge.

FlatWorld Knowledge Textbook and Homework System:

Business Law and the Legal Environment (Mayer, Warner, Siedel and Lieberman), Version 2.0.1, FlatWorld Knowledge. This is a custom electronic textbook and homework system created for this class only. The least expensive option for these required materials is \$39.95. FlatWorld Knowledge has more expensive options available if you want, but the \$39.95 option is all that is required.

To purchase an electronic version of the required textbook plus access to the textbook homework system for \$39.95, go to the following website: <https://practice.flatworldknowledge.com/c/HW-2F74BE>

You will be required to complete a homework assignment for each chapter we cover in the textbook on the FlatWorld website.

Grading

Final exam: 320 points

Weekly Homework Assignments (Quizzes, Discussions, Short Answer, Essay): 320 points

There is an extra credit assignment worth 10 points, which is not included the 640 total points possible.

Grading Scale

A 90 - 100%

B 80 - 89%

C 70 - 79%

D 65 - 69%

F 0 - 64%

Homework is generally due **BEFORE 11 P.M.** each Sunday night. I do NOT accept late work, so please don't bother asking. I receive numerous requests to accept late work each week, but there is no fair way for me to determine who should or should not be allowed to submit late work. Therefore, I have a strict policy of NOT accepting it.

Other Important Policies

If you do not complete the required assignments during week 1 of the course, you will be dropped as a "No Show." After that point, it becomes your responsibility to drop the class if necessary. In other words, I will not be responsible for dropping you if you stop participating in the course. Unless you proactively drop the class through the Admissions & Records Office or MyPortal, you will receive a grade for this course.

You should also review De Anza's Academic Integrity policy found [here](#).

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Tentative Course Timeline							
Fall 2019							
	Monday	to	Sunday	Topic(s)	Reading	Homework Assignments	Points
Week 1	23-Sep-19	-	29-Sep-19	Introduction to Law	Chapter 1	FlatWorld Chapter 1 Homework	15
						Canvas Introduce Yourself Post (Extra Credit)	10
Week 2	30-Sep-19	-	6-Oct-19	Business Ethics	Chapter 2	FlatWorld Chapter 2 Homework	15
				Courts and the Legal Process	Chapter 3	FlatWorld Chapter 3 Homework	15
Week 3	7-Oct-19	-	13-Oct-19	Constitutional Law and US Commerce	Chapter 4	FlatWorld Chapter 4 Homework	15
				Administrative Law	Chapter 5	Canvas Constitutional Law Case	10
						FlatWorld Chapter 5 Homework	15
Week 4	14-Oct-19	-	20-Oct-19	Criminal Law	Chapter 6	FlatWorld Chapter 6 Homework	15
				Introduction to Torts	Chapter 7	FlatWorld Chapter 7 Homework	15
						Canvas Tort Video	15
Week 5	21-Oct-19	-	27-Oct-19	Introduction to Contracts	Chapter 8	FlatWorld Chapter 8 Homework	15
				Agreement	Chapter 9	FlatWorld Chapter 9 Homework	15
Week 6	28-Oct-19	-	3-Nov-19	Real Assent	Chapter 10	FlatWorld Chapter 10 Homework	15
				Consideration	Chapter 11	FlatWorld Chapter 11 Homework	15
Week 7	4-Nov-19	-	10-Nov-19	Legality	Chapter 12	FlatWorld Chapter 12 Homework	15
				Form and Meaning	Chapter 13	FlatWorld Chapter 13 Homework	15
						Canvas Contract Law Case	10
Week 8	11-Nov-19	-	17-Nov-19	Product Liability	Chapter 14	FlatWorld Chapter 14 Homework	15
				Intellectual Property	Chapter 15	FlatWorld Chapter 15 Homework	15
Week 9	18-Nov-19	-	24-Nov-19	Relationships between Principal and Agent	Chapter 16	FlatWorld Chapter 16 Homework	15
				Principal/Agent Liability; Termination	Chapter 17	FlatWorld Chapter 17 Homework	15
Week 10	25-Nov-19	-	1-Dec-19	Employment	Chapter 18	FlatWorld Chapter 18 Homework	15
						Canvas Employment Law Case	15
Week 11	2-Dec-19	-	8-Dec-19	Final Exam	ALL	Canvas Final Exam	320
						Total (Not Including Extra Credit Post)	640