

Business Law (BUS18.65Z)

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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

Textbook: Business Law Today (Miller), 11th edition, 2017, Cengage. ISBN: 9781337061612. This is a loose-leaf version of the text along with access to an e-book version and the course homework website. You will need an access code in order to access the course website and assignments, so please purchase your book from the bookstore or from the publisher (Cengage). Unfortunately, buying a used textbook will do you no good because it will not come with the required access code for the Cengage website. Detailed instructions will be provided at the beginning of the term.

Grading

Final exam: 200 points

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

There are extra credit opportunities available, so the grade book will show more than 520 points total.

Grading Scale

A 90 - 100%

B 80 - 89%

C 70 - 79%

D 65 - 69%

F 0 - 64%

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. This is why I offer extra credit at the beginning of the term.

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, you will receive a grade for this course.

How This Course Works

This class is 100% online with no on campus meetings.

Canvas Website

I will use a De Anza College Canvas website to communicate with you. This site also contains useful resources like the class syllabus and gradebook. Finally, discussion forums will be held on this site. For example, in week 1 of the term you will be able to earn some extra credit by simply introducing yourself to the class on a discussion forum. There is also a **Class Questions Forum** where you can post any questions you have about the class. Either I or one of your classmates will be able to respond, and the entire class will get the benefit of seeing the answer to your question.

Modules

The course website is organized by Modules. Each module corresponds to a week during the course term. Each weekly Module contains a brief description of the activities for the week, as well as a link to that week's reading and assignments on the Cengage MindTap website. See below for more information about the Cengage website.

Cengage MindTap Website

The textbook we are using for this course is published by Cengage Learning. You will need access to the textbook website because most of the actual work (reading assignments, quizzes, homework, final exam, etc.) will be completed on that site. It is important to note that you can get free access to the textbook and website for the first few weeks of the term, so there is no excuse for not completing the homework even in week 1 of the quarter. The De Anza Canvas website contains links to the Cengage website to make things easier. For example, all the assignments on the Cengage website can be accessed from links on the Canvas site.