

University of North Texas at Dallas

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SYLLABUS

BLAW 3430.001: Legal & Ethical Env Bus 3 hrs

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Classroom Location:			
Class Meeting Days & Times:	Wednesday 4 pm – 6:50 pm		
Course Catalog Description: A study of the legal environment applied to common business situations, including the nature and sources of law, entity formation, the Uniform Commercial Code, the legal system, litigation and civil dispute resolution; constitutional and administrative law, tort law and strict liability, contract law; business ethics and social responsibility; intellectual property law; and selected topics of government regulation of business, including antitrust law and employment law.			
Prerequisites:			
Co-requisites:			
Required Text:	Business Law and the Regulation of Business 12 th Edition by Richard A. Mann and Barry S. Roberts		
Recommended Text and References:			
Access to Learning Resources:	UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 338-1616; web: http://www.untdallas.edu/our-campus/library UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: 1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com		
Course Goals or Overview:			
	The goal of this course is to introduce students to the legal and ethical environment in which businesses operate, providing an understanding of the challenges organizations face in managing legal risks. The course will introduce the basic principles of law applying to business transactions as they relate to the legal process, legal system, business crimes, ethics, contracts, torts, regulation of business and social responsibility.		
Learning Objectives/Outcomes: At the end of this course, the student will			
1	Be able to understand the basic concepts regarding contracting, material terms, offer and acceptance, breach and potential remedies for breach		
2	Understand the basic legal system including courts and regulatory agencies and their jurisdiction		
3	Understand basic principles of property law, leasing and conveyancing, and the requirements for real property transactions		
4	Understand the basic rules dealing with personal property leasing and sales and secured transactions		
5	Understand the basic business organizations, corporations, partnerships, independent contractor relationships and the potential issues with each		
6	Understand basic debtor/creditor relationships relating to business		

7	Understand principle/agent relationships
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Course Outline

This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be communicated by the instructor during class lectures. We will proceed sequentially through these topics over the semester:

TOPICS	CLASS
Basic Legal Principles and Concepts and the Courts, Ethics and related issues for business and corporations, Chapter 1 & 2	Class 1
Civil cases and dispute resolution, jurisdiction, trials and appeals, Chapter 3	2
Constitutional law and federal powers versus state authority, Chapter 4, review for Exam 1	3
Administrative law and regulatory agencies, Chapter 5, Exam 1	4 - EXAM 1
Chapters 6 and 7: Criminal Law and Intentional Torts	5
Chapters 8 Intentional Torts, Negligence/Strict Liability and Mutual Assent	6
Chapter 8: Intentional Torts, Nuisance, Trespass, Negligence per se, proof issues; Review for Exam 2	7
Exam 2 ; Chapters 9 – 14 Nature of contracts	8 – EXAM 2
Chapters 15 – 18 Contract formation and remedies	9
Chapters 19 – 23 Sales and Leases	10
Chapter 24 Negotiable Instruments; review for Exam 3	11
Exam 3 ; Chapters 28 – 29 Principle and Agent	12 – EXAM 3
Chapter 32 – 32 Partnerships and Liability	13
Chapter 33 - 36 Corporations	14
Chapter 47 - 49 Property and Environmental Law, review for Exam 4	15
Exam 4	16 – EXAM 4

Course Evaluation Methods

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

Exams – *written tests designed to measure knowledge of presented course material*

Grading Matrix:

Instrument	Value (points or percentages)	Total
Quiz 1	25%	25%
Quiz 2	25%	25%
Quiz 3	25%	25%
Quiz 4	25%	25%
Total:	100%	100

Grade Determination:

- A = 400 – 360 pts; i.e. 90% or better
- B = 320 – 359 pts; i.e. 80 – 89 %
- C = 280 – 319 pts; i.e. 70 – 79 %
- D = 240 – 279 pts; i.e. 60 – 69 %
- F = 239 pts or below; i.e. less than 60%

University Policies and Procedures

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

The University of North Texas Dallas faculty is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with documented disabilities are responsible for informing faculty of their needs for reasonable accommodations and providing written authorized documentation. Grades assigned before an accommodation is provided will not be changed as accommodations are not retroactive. For more information, you may visit the Student Life Office, Suite 200, Building 2 or call Laura Smith at 972-780-3632.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of Academic Integrity policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Academic Integrity at <http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/policies/Chapter%2007%20Student%20Affairs.%20Education.%20and%20Funding/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic%20Integrity.pdf> for complete provisions of this code.

In addition, all academic work submitted for this class, including exams, papers, and written assignments should include the following statement:

On my honor, I have not given, nor received, nor witnessed any unauthorized assistance that violates the UNTD Academic Integrity Policy.

Bad Weather Policy:

On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website www.unt.edu/dallas. Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent.

Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Office of Student Life as the instructor deems appropriate.