

Course Syllabus

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RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN

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52 140 101

BUSINESS LAW

Required Text: Dynamic Business Law: The Essentials 4th edition

By Kubasek, Browne, Herron, Dhooge, Barkacs

STUDENT EDITION ONLY IS ALLOWED FOR USE

Prerequisite: 50:350:102 or English Composition 102

Course Description: This is an introductory course dealing with legal principles and procedures and an introduction to contract law. Along with learning the basics of our legal foundation, case studies will be used to apply knowledge gained.

Course Learning Objectives: Every day of our lives we are involved in business transactions: when we buy a newspaper, a meal, groceries, an automobile, or write a check. The primary purpose of this course, therefore, is to develop an understanding of the legal framework of business- the basic principles of the law that apply to business transactions. The course will equip you with the necessary knowledge and ability to use various tools for analysis and problem-solving.

How to Study: Read the chapter's objectives, and Questions at the end of the chapter, before you begin to read the chapter. All the Quick Quizzes should be reviewed.

Grading Policy: 93-100=A

86-92= B+

80-85= B

75-79= C+

70-74= C

65-69= D

<65= F

Attendance Policy/Class participation: Attendance will be taken before each class begins. If there are assigned seats, you should sit in your assigned seat every class. Attendance is defined as being in the classroom on time and prepared for every class session. Students are expected to have read the assigned chapter(s) **prior to class** each week in order to be prepared for class discussion. Paying attention to the lecture and not disrupting/disturbing the professor, guest lecturers or other students is also considered to be part of attendance. Just being here is NOT enough! When you are asked a question, you must respond. I don't know, or silence will not garner any points for class participation. You must participate in group activities as they are assigned.

Late arrivals must check in with me at the end of class to insure they are not marked absent. In order to avoid an unexcused absence, you must inform me via email or telephone before the class you will miss. Class participation is a critical part of the course and requires you to attend class. Education is NOT a one-way street! You are required to be a part of the educational process!

Examinations: Missed exams can be made up only with a verifiable doctor's note or special approval from me. Special approval will not be considered unless you speak to **and e-mail me** prior to the exam you expect to miss.

MOCK TRIAL: Each student will be expected to participate in the Mock Trial. Students will either be lawyers, judges, jurors, witnesses, or some other participant. Guidelines for the trial will be disseminated later.

Attendance/Classroom Participation Policy: _____ Attendance will be taken before each class begins. If there are assigned seats, you should sit in your assigned seat every class. Attendance/**Classroom Participation is** defined as not only being in the classroom on time but being prepared for every class session. Students are expected to have read the assigned chapter(s) of the curriculum **prior to class** each week in order to be prepared for class discussion. Paying attention to the lecture and not disrupting/disturbing the professor, guest lecturers or other students is also considered to be part of attendance. Just being here is NOT enough! When you are asked a question, you must respond. I don't

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Responsibilities for Completion of Missed Course Requirements

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PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Be aware that plagiarism includes (but is not limited to) copying someone else's words without crediting the source; paraphrasing someone else's words without crediting the source; using someone else's ideas without crediting the source (even if rephrased in your own words); using facts not universally known which are obtained from a source without crediting the source; asking someone else to write your paper, either in whole or in part; or obtaining a paper or portion thereof by any means and submitting it as an original document. **The penalty for plagiarism is failure of the assignment and potentially failure of the course** (at the instructor's discretion), and it may result in suspension or expulsion from the University.

Communication with the Teacher

You can call me at my office or contact the Division Secretary. 856-225-6215.

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There may be updates on It is your responsibility to check your CONNECT before classes. Only those students who are registered for this course will be able to access CONNECT. If you have problems using CONNECT, you should contact their help desk, and there is nothing I can do.

Contact Information

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Classroom Conduct

DISRUPTIVE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR

Disruptive classroom behavior can negatively affect the classroom environment as well as the educational experience for students enrolled in the course. Disruptive classroom behavior is defined as "any behavior that a reasonable person would view as substantially or repeatedly interfering with the conduct of a class."

1. Examples of Improper Behavior.

1. Packing up your belongings prior to the end of class is disruptive to others around you and to the instructor.
2. Talking without raising your hand.
3. Cell-phone use via telephone calls or text messaging, or any other use.
4. Comments, questions or answers that are made by students need to be audible to the instructor so that he may determine if the comments relate to class discussion. Students should feel free to ask questions

or give answers or engage in discussion as long as these comments are audible for all the class to hear and respond to.

5. Habitually arriving to class late is disruptive and tolerated.
6. Habitually leaving class early is disruptive and tolerated. Don't schedule your job, other appointments nor activities during your class hour
7. If, at any time, and in the sole discretion of the instructor, your behavior is disruptive, you may be asked to leave and will be marked absent for the entire class session.
8. Any continued disruption will be reported to the Dean.
9. **Examples of Proper Behavior**
 1. Be in class on time.
 2. Waiting until the professor dismisses class to leave.
 3. Turn your cell phone on silent.

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Class Format: The class will weekly consist of the following;

1. Weekly Discussions -They will be posted on Monday, and must be completed by the Sunday immediately following.
2. Exams- There will be three exams, that will contain no less than 50 multiple choice questions.
3. Homework- Homework will be assigned weekly and have specified due dates.

Course Grading/Format:	Exam 1	20 %
	Exam 2	25%
	Exam 3	30 %
	Homework/Class Discussion	10 %
	Mock Trial	15 %
	Total	100%

Session #1: **January 18, 2018**: Chapter 1: An Introduction to Dynamic Business Law and Chapter 2 Business Ethics * No in-class instruction, Internet assignment

January 23, 2017 Last day to Drop a Class without a W grade

Session #2: **January 25, 2018**: Chapters 3 U.S. Legal System & Chapter 4: Alternate Dispute Resolution

Session #3: **February 1, 2018**: Chapters 5 Constitutional Principles & Chapters 7 Crime and the Business Community

Session #4: **February 8, 2018**: Chapter 8 Tort Law & Chapter 9: Negligence and Strict Liability

Exam# 1: Chapters 1-5,7-9, will be available on-line and is due prior to February 15th class.

Session #5: ***February 15, 2018**: Chapter 13: Introduction to Contracts and Chapter 14 Agreements

* No in-class instruction, Internet assignment

Session #6: **February 22, 2018**: Chapter 15 Consideration and Chapter 16 Capacity and Legality

Session #7: **March 1, 2018**: Chapter 17 Legal Assent* & Chapters 18 Contracts in Writing

Session #8: **March 5, 2018**: Chapter 19 Third-Party Rights to Contracts & Chapter 20: Discharge and Remedies

March 15, 2018: Spring Break

Session #9: **March 22, 2018**: Chapter 21, Introduction to Sales and Lease Contracts and Chapter 22, Title, Risk of Loss, and Insurable Interest

Session #10: **March 29, 2018** : Chapter 23 Performance and Obligations and Chapter 24 Remedies for Breach of Sales and Lease Contracts

Exam 2: Chapter 8 to 15 will be available on-line. Exam #2 is due prior to class.

April 2, 2017- Last day to withdraw

Session #11: **April 5, 2018**: – Chapter 33 Agency Formation and Duties & Chapter 34 Liabilities to 3rd parties and Termination

Session #12: **April 12, 2018** –Chapter 35 Forms of Business Organizations & Chapter 36 Partnerships: Nature, Formation, and Operation

Session #13: **April 19, 2018** - Chapter 37 Partnerships: Termination and Limited Partnerships, and Chapter 39- Corporations-Directors, Officers, and Shareholders

Session #13: **April 26, 2018**- Chapter 43 -Employment Discrimination & Chapter 45- Consumer Law

April 27, 2017- Final Exam available

Jury Paper Due on April 29,2018

May 2, 2018- Final Exam Due

May 3, 2018- Mock Trial (held during final exam period) (held at Law school Mock Trial Court Room 1st Floor)

EXAMS

All Exams are will be available on CONNECT. You must purchase a connect code to access the exam, the code comes with your textbook. The exams will be multiple choice, true or false, and “fill in the blank”. They will ONLY be AVAILABLE ON CONNECT. You will also receive your grade via CONNECT. ALL EXAMS ARE TIMED. The time does not stop “running”. There is no “save and return” feature. You should be completely prepared to take the entire exam when you log in.










Extra Credit

Newspaper Articles are worth “.5”points toward your next exam. Only one article is allowed per class. The Articles must be in reference to a Case/Lawsuit, past or present and it must be in reference to the topic being covered in class for that day. All articles must be e-mailed to me prior to class. Students must be prepared to discuss the article before the professor begins to teach about each chapter.

Academic Integrity

- Rutgers affirms that: *“Academic integrity is essential to the success of the educational enterprise and breaches of academic integrity constitute serious offenses against the academic community. Every member of that community bears a responsibility for ensuring that the highest standards of academic integrity are upheld.... Individual faculty members are...responsible for informing students of the particular expectations regarding academic integrity within individual courses.... Students are responsible for understanding the principles of academic integrity fully and abiding by them in all their work at the University.”*(<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/> ([Links to an external site.](http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/))[Links to an external site.](http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/) (<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>)). Cheating, plagiarism, or any other violation of academic integrity will result in a zero on the assignment and could result in a failing grade in the course. Instances of academic dishonesty will be reported to the University and also could result in suspension. The University’s policies regarding academic integrity are available at: <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/> ([Links to an external site.](http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/))[Links to an external site.](http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/) (<http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/>).
- Please note that I may use turnitin.com, which checks for inappropriate “overlap” with other materials including the content of the Internet. So, for example, do not “cut and paste” movie or book reviews into your experiential learning assignments. That is one example of a violation of academic integrity. In addition, please provide citations/references according to the instructions given for the team report and presentation.

Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Wed Jan 24, 2018	 Chapter 1 Discussion https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/190564	due by 11:59pm
	 Chapter 2 Discussion https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/190567	due by 11:59pm
Sun Feb 4, 2018	 Chapter 2 H.W. https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/190568	due by 11:59pm
	 Chapter One H.W. https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/190566	due by 11:59pm
	 Intro to Connect https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/190565	due by 11:59pm
Sat Feb 17, 2018	 Exam One https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/194434	due by 11:59pm
Wed Feb 21, 2018	 Chapter 13 Homework https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/194435	due by 11:59pm
	 Chapter 14 Homewok https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/194436	due by 11:59pm
	 Roll Call Attendance https://rutgers.instructure.com/courses/8631/assignments/192524	