



COURSE SYLLABUS

BA 302 – WB Business Law and Ethics

Self-Paced Course - Web Based Format Option

Session begins on the 1st day of enrollment month and ends on the last day of the 6th month.

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Course Description

Semester Credits: 3 semester credits

Catalog Course Description:

This course is designed to provide an introduction to legal and ethical issues within the business environment. Topics will include an introduction to the nature and sources of law, and the methods by which laws are made; basic principles of contract law and property law as the foundations for business enterprise; tort law governing business relationships. Students will also study the foundation of ethics and ethical theories currently being used in the business environment to make decisions, and will apply those theories through examples and case studies.

Prerequisites: None

Credit Hours: As a requirement of HLC Accreditation, all UIU courses, regardless of meeting schedule or instructional mode, follow the Federal Credit Hour Definition. As such, each credit hour earned at UIU is equivalent to a minimum of 45 hours of student engagement.

For more information on how specific instructional modes meet this requirement, please see *UIU's Policy Guidelines for Instructional Time Expectations*: [UIU Policies](#).

Course Materials

It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he has access to all required course materials by the start of the session.

Required Textbooks

Business Law and the Legal Environment

Author: Mayer, Don / Warner, Daniel
ISBN: 978-1-4533-8391-9
Edition/Copyright: 2017
Publisher: Flat World Knowledge

APA Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association: 7th Edition
American Psychological Association (2020),
ISBN-13: 978-1433832178 ISBN-10: 1433832178

*APA formatting is required for this course. You can find information regarding APA formatting at the Writing Center website or by emailing the Writing Center.

Recommended Resources

UIU Writing Center

Email: writingcenter@uii.edu Phone: (563) 425-5272

UIU Academic Success

Email: academicsuccess@uii.edu Phone: (563) 425-5264

Ordering Textbooks

Purchase your textbook through the online university bookstore, [MBS Direct](#), or by phone at (800) 325-3252.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this class the successful learner will be able to:

1. Compare and contrast the creation, operation, impact, and relationship between state and federal constitutional law, statutes, regulations, ordinances, and common law.
2. Recognize, describe, and explain ethical issues commonly encountered in business for the purpose of avoiding and resolving these ethical issues.
3. Explain the process of dispute resolution in the United States through state and federal court systems and alternative dispute resolution procedures.
4. Distinguish between the substantive and procedural characteristics of torts, crimes, and civil violations.
5. Explain the basic principles of tort/product liability law and the impact that tort/product liability law has on everyday commercial, professional, and personal conduct and practices.
6. Apply tort/product liability law to recognize and analyze risks for the purpose of implementing risk avoidance strategies.

7. Recognize, describe, and explain the requirements for formation of enforceable contracts, standards of performance, and resolution of breaches of contracts under the common law and Articles 2 and 2A of the UCC.
8. Analyze common contractual provisions for the purpose of selecting and/or negotiating advantageous contractual terms and conditions.
9. Apply business, tort, and intellectual property law to analyze and respond to common business and public sector issues and decisions.
10. Identify legal issues and apply basic legal principles to avoid common mistakes involving business, property, insurance, estate planning, and landlord-tenant law, as well as to recognize when further professional advice is warranted and to select appropriate professional services to obtain competent and cost-effective legal advice.
11. Analyze, preliminarily research, resolve, and write clearly about basic legal issues arising in common personal and business transactions.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Access, utilize, evaluate, and synthesize quantitative and qualitative information in making business decisions.
2. Understand how internal and external environments impact functional areas of business.
3. Communicate effectively in various forms, such as written, oral, visual or electronic formats.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

Course Requirements

1. Review the **entire** course syllabus before beginning the course. Be sure you understand the course procedures and objectives. Procedures do change, so please review **ALL** requirements and policies even if this is not your first course including, but not limited to, administrative withdrawal. Your course status will be affected if policies are not followed.
2. Students who develop a regular time schedule and set goals for unit completion are most successful in completing courses within a specific timeframe.
3. The feedback you receive from the instructor of your work is **critical** to your success on subsequent lessons. These comments allow you to improve and modify the next units if necessary.
4. Assignments are submitted using uiuLearn. Please complete all assignments and modules in order.
5. If the information in your syllabus is not clear or if units are not graded within a reasonable period of time, please contact your instructor using uiuLearn's email tool, if that doesn't work contact the Self-Paced Program office. We would like the opportunity to address concerns, however, we may not know unless we hear from YOU!

6. ALWAYS keep a copy of your completed work when submitting it for grading.

Assessments:

There are 8 units in this course. Each Unit will consist of True/False, Multiple choice and essay questions.

There are two exams in this Course. The Midterm Exam is taken after successful completion of Unit 4 and the Final Exam is taken after successful completion of Unit 8. The Midterm Exam consists of information learned in Units 1-4 and the Final Exam consists of information learned in Units 5-8.

Grading Criteria

| Activity | Points |
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| Student Introduction | 0 |
| Units (8 Units @100 points each) | 800 |
| Midterm Exam | 100 |
| Final Exam | 100 |
| Total points | 1000 |

Grading Scale

| Letter Grade | Percent | Points |
|--------------|---------|------------|
| A | 93-100% | 930 – 1000 |
| A- | 90-92% | 900 – 929 |
| B+ | 87-89% | 870 – 899 |
| B | 83-86% | 830 – 869 |
| B- | 80-82% | 800 – 829 |
| C+ | 77-79% | 770 – 799 |
| C | 73-76% | 730 – 769 |
| C- | 70-72% | 700 – 729 |
| D+ | 67-69% | 670 – 699 |
| D | 63-66% | 630 – 669 |
| D- | 60-62% | 600 – 629 |
| F | 0-59% | 0 – 599 |

Grades and Feedback

This syllabus contains all assignments necessary for completing your self-paced course. Submit your completed assignments via uiuLearn.

If you need academic assistance with the course, please feel free to contact the Self-Paced Degree Program office.

To protect the integrity of the final assessment/exam, you only receive your final grade on the exam; you do not receive any feedback on the answers to the exam questions. The answers to the questions on the exam are not shared with students. Please remember to stay academically honest.

Turnitin

Turnitin is a tool for both teachers and students to ensure academic integrity by checking the originality of submitted papers to avoid issues of plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Students should be aware that Turnitin scans submitted work and compares it to ALL other sources on file.

Extension

Students will be allowed to request an extension and receive an 'X' (extension grade) at the end of their original six-month enrollment period if:

- A minimum of one assignment has been received for grading per guidelines **AND**
- All course units and exams are not completed and submitted **OR**
- A course withdrawal has not been initiated.

Note: The fee for a self-paced extension is \$99 per course. The request for an extension must be submitted no earlier than one month before the end of the course and no later than a week before the end of the course.

Extension grade details

- When the extension is granted and an "X" grade is issued, the student will receive a four-month enrollment period to complete the course.
- Students do not have the option to withdraw from a course after the initial six-month enrollment period.
- An 'X' grade posted to the student's official record will be replaced with a final letter grade; however, the extension will remain on the official transcript as a notation.
- If the course is not completed by the end of the extension period, the instructor will assign a final grade (A-F) based on work completed in relation to the total course requirements.
- If credit is not earned by the end of the extension period, students can reenroll and repeat the entire course for credit.

Note: Students are not reported as enrolled during the extension period and are not eligible for student loan deferment. No more than one extension will be granted.

Course Schedule

Unit 1

| Unit 1 Topic | Legal Systems and Process, Corporate Responsibility, Ethics, Constitutional Law, Commerce, Administrative and Criminal Law |
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| Unit 1 Topic | Legal Systems and Process, Corporate Responsibility, Ethics, Constitutional Law, Commerce, Administrative and Criminal Law |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation |

Unit 2

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| Unit 2 Topic | Contracts: Agreements, Capacity, and Consideration |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 8 -11 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation |

Unit 3

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| Unit 3 Topic | Legality of Contracts, Form and Meaning, Third Party Rights, Discharge and Remedies |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 12 -16 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation |

Unit 4

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| Unit 4 Topic | Sales and Leases, Title, Risk of Loss, Performance and Remedies, Product Liability, and Bailment |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 17 -21 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation and Midterm Exam |

Unit 5

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| Unit 5 Topic | Nature, Form and Negotiation of Commercial Paper, Holder in Due Course, Liability and Discharge and Legal Aspects of Banking |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 22 -26 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation |

Unit 6

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| Unit 6 Topic | Consumer Credit Transactions, Secured Transactions, Mortgages, Liens, and Bankruptcy |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 27 -30 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation |

Unit 7

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| Unit 7 Topic | Property (Personal and Fixtures), Intellectual Property, Real Estate, and Landlord Tenant Law |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 31 -35 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation |

Unit 8

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| Unit 8 Topic | Estate Planning and Insurance |
| Activities | Read Chapters: 36 -37 |
| Critical Thinking | Short Essay Questions |
| Assignments | Unit Evaluation and Final Exam |

Course Expectations

Professional Writing and Speaking Guidelines

Communications in class and online should follow the Student Conduct and Discipline, Respect for the University Environment, and Code of Student Responsibility in the [Student Handbook](#) (pg. 20 and 21). Respect the opinions of others using appropriate language and communications.

University Policies

Withdrawal (W)

If a student decides to withdraw from a course before the end of an enrollment period, the student's charges, financial aid, tuition assistance, and/or veteran benefits could be affected. All students should consult with the Business Office and Financial Aid Office to understand the financial impact of withdrawing prior to initiating the withdrawal process.

Tuition adjustments are independent from academic and financial aid deadlines. Upon receiving a request for withdrawal, using the number of lessons submitted as compared to the total due, a refund of tuition is made according to the following guideline.

On or before the first day of the enrollment period* 100%

After the first lesson through 10% of the enrollment period 90%

After the first 10% through the first 25% of the enrollment period 50%

After the first 25% of the enrollment period 0%

*Enrollment is measured by the number of assignments to be submitted during a six-month period of time, as determined by the University, during which semester credits are earned toward graduation. The refund/repayments shall be calculated using the percentages noted

above as determined using the number of assignments completed and the number of assignments yet to be submitted.

For example, if a student submitted 2 of 17 assignments, they completed 11.76% of the class assignments. The student would be refunded 50% of the tuition cost.

For students from Wisconsin, Maryland, Georgia, Oregon, or Arizona, state laws apply. For students enrolled through the cpacredits.com program, no refund is allowed after the first two weeks.

Students who withdraw from a course prior to submitting the first assignment, or who are administratively withdrawn for non-submission of assignments, will be charged an administrative fee of \$99.

Course withdrawal may impact financial aid eligibility. A financial aid counselor is available to discuss this decision.

Upper Iowa University is required to use a pro rata schedule to determine the amount of Title IV aid the student has earned at the time of withdrawal. If financial aid funds have been released to the student because of a credit balance on the student's account at Upper Iowa University, the student may be required to repay some or all of the amount released to the student. This policy is subject to federal regulations. Contact the Financial Aid Office for details.

Withdrawing from a course in progress may result in significant student account charges. Consult with the Business Office before withdrawing. For more information on financial aid implications, go to uiu.edu/financialaid.

Administrative Withdrawal (AW)

A grade of AW (administrative withdrawal) is recorded for any course from which a student is administratively withdrawn. **At least one complete assignment/unit must be received and verified by the instructor within the first 60 days of the enrollment period or the student will be administratively withdrawn from the course.** Students who are administratively withdrawn for non-submission of assignments, will be charged an administrative fee of \$99. Students through the cpacredits.com partnership follow the withdrawal policy listed above. Non-Attendance (NA): Never attended grades are not applicable to the Self-Paced Degree Program.

Academic Accommodations

It is the policy of Upper Iowa University to ensure equal access to educational and co-curricular activities to students with disabilities as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A student seeking accommodations should contact the Director of Disability Services (DDS) as early in the session as possible. In order to receive accommodations, students must disclose their disability to the DDS by completing a *Voluntary Disclosure Form*, as well as providing appropriate documentation. The *Voluntary Disclosure Form* is available in the DDS office or online at [Disability Services](#). Students will be given a *Request for Accommodations Contract* during their initial appointment with the DDS. **This appointment will be in person for Fayette campus students and over the phone for center, online, and self-paced students.** It is the student's responsibility to provide the instructors with a copy of the *Request for Accommodations Contract* (for Center or online students, these contracts are emailed out to instructors by the DDS for the student). Additionally, students should work cooperatively with

their instructors throughout the session to make sure that appropriate accommodations are being made. You can contact the DDS at (563) 425-5949, disabilityservices@uii.edu, or stop by the office in the Student Center, Office of Student Life, Room 229.

Academic Misconduct Policy

Cheating, academic dishonesty, and plagiarism constitute a violation of the offender's own integrity, as well as the integrity of the entire University; they will not be tolerated. Violators will receive sanctions based on the level of academic misconduct.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- The use of unauthorized books notes or other sources in the giving or securing of help in an examination or other course assignments.
- The copying of other students' work or allowing others to copy your work. The submission of work that is not your own or allowing others to submit your work as theirs.
- The submission of the same work for two or more classes without the approval of instructors involved.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Sharing academic materials knowing they will be used inappropriately.
- Accessing another person's work without permission.
- Providing false or incomplete information on an academic document.
- Changing student records without approval.
- Obtaining and using texts or other materials intended for instructor use only.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- The presentation of another's published or unpublished work as one's own.
- Taking words or ideas of another and either copying them or paraphrasing them without proper citation of the source.
- Using charts, graphs, statistics or tables without proper citation.

Levels of Academic Misconduct and Sanctions

The faculty member teaching the course has the primary responsibility for resolving allegations of academic dishonesty, though egregious violations will be resolved by the School administration, the Academic Misconduct Board, or some combination thereof. The final decision on the level of a violation rests with the Academic Misconduct Board. Options for resolving an alleged case of academic dishonesty range from dismissing the allegation with no negative sanction to being expelled from the university ([Academic Misconduct Policy: Table 1](#)). A negative sanction is defined as an action taken by the faculty member that affects the student's grade for the assignment or his or her cumulative grade for the course. Anytime academic misconduct is detected, the procedures outlined in [Academic Misconduct Policy: Table 1](#) should be followed. The incident will be maintained in a searchable database maintained by the Office of Academic Affairs.

Copyright Statement

In recognition of the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code), Upper Iowa University reminds both faculty members and learners that a willful infringement of the law may result in disciplinary action. The University library has available materials discussing the "fair use" concept, along with criteria and guidelines for reproduction and use of copyrighted materials.

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