



- *Ensuring that students successfully transfer to four-year institutions, prepare for successful careers in the workplace, and improve their basic skills*
- *Encouraging students to become critical thinkers and lifelong learners*
- *Providing services and programs that improve the lives of the diverse communities we serve*



**Business 005
Business Law 1
Fall 2013
Section #0147
Tuesday/Thursday 8:55am– 10:20 am
Room: INSTRUCTIONAL BUILDING (INST) # 1013**

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I am here to help you so please don't be afraid to come to me with your questions.

Course Description:

This course provides students with the basic principles of law that are applicable to business transactions and the legal system.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

1. Students will be able to apply general Business Law concepts in the business world. Emphasis is on contracts as it relates to torts, negotiable instruments, E-commerce and business transactions.
2. Students will be able to identify the fundamentals of a contract including the offer, acceptance, and consideration.
3. Students will be able to determine the obligations that each party involved in a contract must perform and the ramification, if any, for failing to perform.

**Assessments will be based on one or more of these SLOs and will be discussed in class*

Course Objective:

This course is designed to provide business students with a basic understanding of the legal and regulatory environment in which a business operates. It provides an introduction to fundamental principles of business law in areas such as contracts, torts, employment issues, ethics and intellectual property. Regardless of career focus, business students will undoubtedly be exposed to business situations that have significant legal implications. Students will acquire skills to make well thought out decisions, devise strategies, recognize legal issues or impediments, and react appropriately to situations as they arise.

Prerequisites: None

Course Materials:

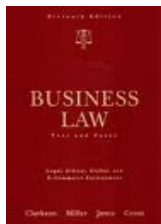
Textbook Required: Kenneth W. Clarkson, Gaylord A. Jentz, Frank B. Cross, Roger LeRoy Miller.

West's Business Law: Text and Cases

11th Edition ©2009

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Recommended readings and useful background materials:

West's California Codes or California Codes on the Internet (From the Legislative Counsel of California) <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html>

US Securities and Exchange Commission (Home Page) <http://www.sec.gov/>
U.S. Constitution <http://www.law.cornell.edu/constitution/constitution.overview.html>
American Bar Association official Home Page <http://www.abanet.org/>
Useful free legal research site: <http://www.findlaw.com/>
Black's Law Dictionary

Method of Evaluation: Based on the following 5 Items:

(1) Exams= 600 points

Exams 4@150points= 600 points

There will be 4 exams, mostly consisting of multiple choice questions with possible fill in the blanks and short answer essay questions. The exams will be based on the assigned readings and lectures

(2) Weekly open book/open note exercises= 50 points

Each week, at the beginning of class, there will be several thought provoking exercises (open book/note) to be completed in class and turned in.

(3) Homework = 150 points and includes the following:

- Assigned End of Chapter questions are due at the beginning of class every Thursday.
- The definitions for 7 key terms (to be provided in class) are due for the assigned chapter
- Current News Events (To be assigned) Brief Cases/Discussion Questions

All homework is due each week in class, on Thursday, unless specified by the instructor. Late homework will result in a 50% point deduction and will be accepted no later than the next class session. Not completing a required assignment will result in a penalty being assessed as well.

Please do not fall behind in your homework.

(4) Individual Exercise (Case Study – 100 points)

This will consist of a brief individual development exercise.
Details and specific formats will be provided later.

(5) Participation= 100 points

Participation points will be awarded throughout each class session.
Regular participation is expected and necessary for successful completion of this course.

Participation points are earned from meaningful discussions, brief in class group assignments, going over homework questions and anything that contributes to thought-provoking dialogue in class.

If you do miss a class, please make sure to obtain the class notes from another student. You must be prepared to discuss the assigned material.

Positive class participation adds to your participation grade. Please refrain from negative participation such as disrupting the class from excessive talking, text messaging, ringing cell phones, unprofessional like behavior, etc.

All assignments must be typed.

*Total Points =1000 points

Grade	Meaning	Requirement
A	Excellent	Minimum of 90% of available points.
B	Good	Between 80% and 89% of available points.
C	Average	Between 70% and 79% of available points.
D	Poor	Between 60% and 69% of available points.
F	Failure	Below 59% of available points.

*Extra Credit assignments will be available after the midterm with details and points to be announced later.

**Borderline grades will be at the discretion of the instructor based on the student's participation and attendance.

Weekly Calendar of Assignments

Week #	Reading	Assigned End of Chapter Questions Due	Due Dates for Assignments, Quizzes/Exams
1	-Review Class Syllabus -Discuss Chapter 1	Buy the Book	08/30/2012 Nothing Due Please buy the book
2	Chapter 1- Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning P 1- 29	P 27 Questions #1-4 7 key term definitions	09/05/2013 HWK Due
3	Chapter 2 Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution P 30- 52	P 49 Questions #1-4 P 50 Question 1 7 key term definitions	09/12/2013 HWK Due

	(How Businesses can avoid litigation)		
4	Chapter 3 – Court Procedures P 53- 76	P 73 Questions #1,2,3,4 P 74 Question # 1 7 key term definitions	09/19/2013 HWK Due
5	Chapter 4- Constitutional Authority to Regulate Business P 77-98	P 95 Questions # 1-4 P 96 Read #6 and sample answer 7 key term definitions	Exam 1 in class (for Chapters 1,2,3,4) & HWK Due Thurs- 09/26/2013
6	Chapter 5- Ethics and Business Decision Making P 99-120 (Ethical implications that businesses must consider)	P 113 Questions #1-4 P 119 Questions #2,3 7 key term definitions	10/03/2013 HWK Due
7	Chapter 6 – Torts and Crimes P 121-143 (Criminal aspect Vs. Being Sued Personally), the tortfeasor	P 140 Questions #1-4 7 key term definitions	10/10/2013 HWK Due
8	Chapter 7- Negligence and Strict Liability Quality P 144-156	P 154 Questions 1-4 P 155 Question #1 7 key term definitions	Exam 2 in class (Ch 5,6,7) & HWK Due Thurs-10/17/2013
9	Chapter 8- Intellectual Property and Internet Law P 157-183 (Patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets)	Homework questions will be assigned (<i>Do not</i> do end of chapter questions)	10/24/2013 HWK Due
10	Chapter 9 Criminal Law and Cyber Law P184-214	P 207 Questions #1-4 P 208 Question # 1 7 key term definitions	10/31/2013 HWK Due
11	Chapter 10 Contracts and E-Contracts P215-231	P 228 Questions #1- 4 7 key term definitions	11/07/2013 HWK Due

12	Chapter 11- Contract Agreement P 232- 249	P 246 Questions 1-4 P 247 Question #1 7 key term definitions	Exam 3 (Ch 8,9,10) in Class Thurs- 11/14/2013
13	Chapter 12- Contract Consideration P 250-264 Ch 13 (Handouts on Capacity and Legality)	P 263 Questions 1-4 7 key term definitions	Individual Project Due & Prior HWK Due 11/21/2013
14	Chapter 14 Contracts Mistakes, Fraud, and Voluntary Consent P 286-302 Chapter 38 – Corporations P 773-795	Homework questions will be assigned	Thurs, 11/28/2013 Nothing Due Happy Thanksgiving Enjoy the Turkey! ☺
15	Chapter 24 The Function and Creation of Negotiable Instruments P 486- 503	Homework questions will be assigned	12/5/10 HWK Due Last week of Class
16	Chapter 42- Law for Small Businesses P 862-880 (Summarizes major small business law concepts)	Homework questions will be assigned	Final Exam Tuesday, December 10 10 am to 12:00 pm

All Homework Assignments are due each Thursday in class unless otherwise specified.

Some material not on the calendar of assignments will be discussed in class via supplemental handouts, real world new/stories and case studies.

See school catalog for other important dates and other specific information

Disabilities Policy:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), all qualified students enrolled in this course are entitled to "reasonable accommodations." Please notify the instructor during the first week of class of any accommodations needed for the course. [Disabled Students Program & Services](#) office strives to accommodate any special need requirements.

Attendance- It is absolutely essential that you attend each class session.

Los Angeles Community College District rules state the following “Whenever absences ‘in hours’ exceed the number of hours the class meets per week, the student may be excluded from class by the instructor.....Mitigating circumstances may be considered by the instructor.”

That would mean a maximum of 2 class absences are allowed by the school.

If you are absent from class for emergency reasons please inform me, otherwise you may be dropped.

Tardiness is disruptive. Please make sure that you come to class on time.

Dropping a Class

It is the student's responsibility to officially drop any class. Please don't assume that the instructor will drop you. Please see the school catalog for a listing of specific drop dates.

Campus Police: (818) 364-7843

In the event of an on campus emergency at LAMC, a direct call to campus police will expedite matters faster than a call to 911. Calls to 911 are routed to a CHP 911 dispatch office. In such emergencies, precious time can be lost. We advise all students to call the LAMC campus police directly. So, please program this number on your cell phone and write it down on your folder so that you have it handy.

AlertU- LAMC has a text message alert system to provide students with emergency notifications.

**Text LAMC to 2537888 and reply Y
or sign up online at www.alertu.org/lamc**

- **alertu notifications are only sent in emergency situations**
- **alertu subscribers will not receive spam**
- **subscriber information will not be shared with third party marketers**
- **standard text message rates apply**

Nice Quote

"The law an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind."

Mahatma Gandhi

CURRENT EVENT TEMPLATE

Please Complete Each of the Following Components:

Class: _____

Name: _____

Date To Be Presented: _____

1. Title of the Article

**Note- (You must get approval from me before you select a news story)*

2. Source of Article (Example: Google News) _____

(1 brief sentence for each component below)

3. Who:

4. What:

5. When:

6. Where:

7. Why:

8. How:

9. In 5-7 Meaningful Sentences, Briefly summarize the article. (DO NOT COPY FROM THE ARTICLE. This should be in your own words.)

10. Be prepared to share in front of the class for at least 5 minutes. Please don't be nervous, there is nothing to be nervous about. 😊

Extra Credit for 5-7 hours of Volunteer Work

(1) Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

(2) Name of Place/Organization you Volunteered at: _____

(3) Address of place you volunteered at: _____

(4) Phone Number of place you volunteered at: _____

(5) Contact Person: _____

(6) Student, briefly state the volunteer work you did in 5 meaningful sentences.

(Please use the back of this paper if you need more space)

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

The student named above performed the above stated volunteer work.

Representative's Signature: _____

Representative's Title: _____

Representative's *email address* and *phone number*:

(Please provide a good phone number, the instructor will call to verify the above)