



SYLLABUS

LAW 1 – BUSINESS LAW – SECTION #15772 (15-Week ONLINE)
August 26, 2019 – December 15, 2019

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Office Hours: This class is entirely online, however, I am available to meet with students in my office during my office hours: Mondays from 10:45 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.; Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m.; or Wednesdays from 10:45 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. OR by Appointment. Please contact me through CANVAS or my email: maciass@email.laccd.edu; **Office Telephone:** (818) 833-3362

Course Description: Law 1 is the study of the fundamental principles of law as they apply in the business world. The course examines legal rights and remedies, business torts and crimes, contracts, agency, employments, and negotiable instruments.

Required Text: Business Law, Text and Cases, 14th Edition
Clarkson, Miller, Cross (2018, 2015 Cengage Learning)
ISBN: 978-1-305-96725-0

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles of law as they apply in the business world by examining legal rights and remedies.
2. Prepare a legally enforceable contract with all required clauses including, offer, acceptance, consideration, and standard boilerplate provisions.

Attendance online through completion of assignments, quizzes and class participation – discussions (Class participation is measured through weekly discussions)

Grading Criteria: Online quizzes = 25%; Assignments = 25%; Class Discussion and Participation: 25%; Mid-Term = 25% and Final Contract Project= 25%. A= 90% or above; B= 80% or above; C = 70% or above; D= 60% or above; F = below 60%.

Extra credit may be offered at the instructor’s discretion. Your semester grade will be based on what percentage of total points you earned as compared to the total points that were offered. The instructor will “scale”, at instructor’s discretion, once all grades have been entered.

Academic Integrity and Standards of Student Conduct: Violation of Academic Integrity includes, but is not limited, to cheating on an exam and plagiarism. Obstruction or disruption of classes, including online classes, violates the Standards of Student Conduct will not be tolerated and will be reported to administration for appropriate action. Thank you for respecting me and your fellow classmates.

Reasonable Accommodations: All students who have registered with the Disabled Students Programs and Services Office (DSPS) will be accommodated as per the policy of Los Angeles Mission College.

Class Schedule – (For quizzes, assignments, and discussions please follow due dates listed on Canvas.)

Week Ending:

9/1/19 Instructor/class introductions; Introduction to Business Law and course requirements; reading law cases; discussion on Inventing a Product.

9/8/19 Chapters 11 (Nature and Terminology (Contracts) and 12 (Agreement in Traditional and E-Contracts); Implied in fact contract case problem; breach of contract cases

9/15/19 Chapter 12 (Agreement in Traditional and E-Contracts); Contract, general releases; quiz; discussion of offers vs. preliminary negotiations

- 9/22/19 Chapter 13 (Consideration); past case problem and subjective intent; quiz; discussion on “subjective intent.”**
- 9/29/19 Chapter 14 (Capacity and Legality); case problem; quiz; and discussion of “Online Transactions.”**
- 10/6/19 Chapters 15 (Mistakes, Fraud, and Voluntary Consent) and 16 (The Writing Requirement in Our Digital Age); quizzes; and discussion on Fraud.**
- 10/13/19 Chapter 17 (Third Party Rights); Secured Promissory Notes; quiz; and discussion on “Open Source Licensing”**
- 10/20/19 Chapter 18 (Performance and Discharge); quiz; discussion on “Corporate Securities and the Statue of Frauds”**
- 11/3/19 Chapters 19 (Breach of Contract and Remedies); quiz, discussion on Creative Commons – lawsuit for use of photo**
- 11/10/19 Chapter 20 (Formation of Sales and Lease Contracts); quiz; discussion on radio companies not playing certain artists**
- 11/17/19 Chapter 21 (Title, Risk, and Insurable Interest); Bill of sale for motor vehicle; quiz; and discussion of Hollywood Writers’ Strike**
- 11/24/19 Chapter 22 (Performance and Breach of Sales Agreements); quiz; discussion on whether exculpatory clauses violate public policy**
- 12/1/19 Chapter 23 (Warranties); quiz; discussion on the “Age of the Internet”**
- 12/8/19 Chapter 25 (Negotiable Instruments); quiz; Computer software contract; discussion of trial court reading too much into the Contract**
- 12/15/19 Chapters 32 (Agency Formation) and 35 (Employment); quiz; Final Contract Project; discussion on final thoughts.**