

SYLLABUS FOR BUSINESS LAW
WEEKEND COLLEGE, SATURDAYS 8:00 TO NOON
WINTER, 2008

Textbook: Beatty and Samuelson, Introduction to Business Law
(Thomson West Publishing, Second Edition 2007)

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deleted as spam.

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Class meets Saturday mornings from 8:00 until noon.

Reading Assignments
to be completed by:

<u>January 12</u>	<u>The Legal Environment of Business</u>
	<u>Pages 9 (from "Working with the Book's Features")</u> <u>- 13; 19-27; 53 (from "Protected Rights") - 57 (as</u> <u>far as "Statutory Law"); 68-70; 76-77 (as far as</u> <u>Chapter Review); 79-84 (as far as "Ethics"); 85</u> <u>(from "Breach of Duty") - 88 (as far as Case</u> <u>Summary); 89 (from "Defenses") - 91; 99 (from</u> <u>"Crimes that Hurt Business") - 104 (as far as "The</u> <u>Criminal Process")</u>

<u>January 26</u>	<u>Contracts</u>
	<u>Pages 127-136; 140-149; 153-162 (as far as "Settlement of Debts"); 165-177 (as far as Chapter Review); 183 (from "Reality of Consent") - 189 (as far as Chapter Review); 194 (from "Contracts that Must be in Writing") - 202 (as far as Chapter Review); 233-243 (as far as Chapter Review)</u>
<u>February 2</u>	<u>Products Liability; Agency and Employment Relationship</u>
	<u>Pages 277 - 287 (as far as Chapter Review); 397-401 (as far as "Ethics"); 403 (from "Principal's Remedies") - 407; 411-422 (as far as Chapter Review); 427-436 (as far as Chapter Review); 440-450 (as far as Chapter Review); 455 (from "Unions Develop") - 464</u> <u>MIDTERM</u>
<u>February 16</u>	<u>Partnerships and Corporations</u>
	<u>Pages 471-483; 487-493; 495 (from "Death of the Corporation") - 497; 501-512; 516-526</u>
<u>March 1</u>	<u>Debtor and Creditor Relations; Regulation of Business</u>
	<u>Pages 362-367 (as far as "Perfection"); 374 (from "Default and Termination") - 375; 380 (from "Overview of Bankruptcy") - 391; 530-540; 544-553; 559-568 (as far as "Environmental Law"); 588-597</u>
<u>March 15</u>	<u>International Business Law; Negotiable Instruments; Environmental Law; Cyberlaw; Property</u>

	Pages 111-122; 305-315; 320 (from "Holder in Due Course") - 328; 568 (from "Environmental Law") - 570; 576-584; 602 (from "Nature of Real Property") - 608; 610 (from "Land Use Regulation") - 611; 657-665 <u>WRITING ASSIGNMENT DUE DURING CLASS</u>
March 29	<u>FINAL EXAM</u>

Unless otherwise noted, reading assignments begin at the top of the page and end at the bottom of the page. Please note the reading assignment for the first class.

This course is designed to give you an understanding of some areas of law which pertain to business, and an ability to critically evaluate legal issues.

EVALUATION METHODS

Attendance in class is required. A total of 1,000 points can be earned through attendance, the exam and the writing assignment, to be distributed as follows:

Attendance	180 points
Writing Assignment	300 points
Midterm	200 points
Final	320 points

Failure to take an exam or to complete the writing assignment will result in a failing grade.

Up to 50 additional points can be earned for extra credit by anyone who turns in written summaries of ten newspaper, Internet or magazine articles pertaining to business law. Each summary should be one-half to one page in length, double spaced, and must be entirely in your own words. (Shorter summaries are not sufficient.) Do not quote from the articles. All ten summaries are required to obtain any extra credit. The summaries must be typewritten and each summary must be accompanied by a copy of the article. Articles discussed in class may not be used. The

articles must be as recent as the first day of class. The summaries must be turned in on or before class on the date of the final exam. There will be no exceptions to this deadline.

Exams

The midterm and final will be part multiple choice, part short answer and part essay. They may include material which we cover in class which is not in the textbook. You will be permitted to bring to the exams notes written by you. You may not bring to the exams any handouts, books or notes written by anyone other than yourself.

The final exam will be cumulative, meaning it will cover the entire course.

Writing Assignment

A writing assignment will be handed out during the first class meeting. Late papers will be graded down 10 points per day, including weekends. Please keep a copy of your paper in case the original is misplaced.

Academic Honesty

You are required to read and understand the Augsburg Academic Honesty Policy. Copies of the policy will be available in class. Any student who engages in academic dishonesty (such as plagiarism or cheating on exams) will not receive a passing grade. If you have any questions regarding what constitutes plagiarism, please discuss them with me.

I hope that you enjoy the class!