

SYLLABUS FOR BUSINESS LAW (Business 301)
WEEKEND COLLEGE, SATURDAYS 8:00 TO NOON
SPRING, 2009

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

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I am available to receive your calls at any time. Please leave a message on the recorder.

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Do not use any other e-mail address for me.

Class meets Saturday mornings from 8:00 until noon.

Please refer to Records & Registration on the Inside Augsburg page (<http://augnet.augsburg.edu>) for the latest information on room assignments for your classes.

Reading Assignments
to be completed by:

April 4	The Legal Environment of Business
	Pages 9 (from "Working with the Book's Features") - 13; 19-27; 53 (from "Protected Rights") - 57 (as far as "Statutory Law"); 68-70; 76-77 (as far as Chapter Review); 81-84 (as far as "Ethics"); 85 (from "Breach of Duty") - 88 (as far as Case Summary); 89 (from "Defenses") - 91; 99 (from "Crimes that Hurt Business") - 104 (as far as "The Criminal Process")
April 18	Contracts

	Pages 127-136; 140-149; 153-162 (as far as "Settlement of Debts"); 167-177 (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)
April 25	Products Liability; Agency and Employment Relationship
	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>MIDTERM</u>
May 9	Business Organizations
	Pages 471-483; 487-493; 495 (from "Death of the Corporation") - 497; 501-512; 516-526
May 16	Debtor and Creditor Relations; Regulation of Business
	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
June 6	International Business Law; Negotiable Instruments; Environmental Law; Cyberlaw; Property

	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>
June 20	<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.

This course fulfills the core requirements for Accounting and Finance.

EVALUATION METHODS

Attendance in class is required. The AFA/WEC Faculty handbook states that it is expected that students will attend every class and that if more than one class meeting will be missed, the student is discouraged from taking the course. As indicated below, attendance counts for 18% of your grade.

A total of 1,000 points can be earned through attendance, the exams 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!