

BUS 140: Legal Environment of Business

Welcome to MiraCosta's offering of BUS 140, **Legal Environment of Business**. We hope you find the class interesting and enjoyable, and that you learn some valuable lessons and concepts you can apply to current and future personal and business situations. Knowledge of the law is helpful in many areas of your life.

Be sure to print a hard copy of this Syllabus for easy reference.

Course Description

Business law and government regulation topics include: court system, torts, crimes, contracts, sales, consumer protection, commercial paper, agency, employment, business entities, secured transactions, bankruptcy, insurance, real and personal property, intellectual property, landlord-tenant, wills, trusts, securities and cyberlaw.

Course Details

Semester: Summer 2015: June 15th to Aug 5th

Final Exam: Aug 5th @ 5:30pm

Units: 3; **Prerequisites:** None; **Acceptable for Credit:** CSU, UC

Sections: 1028; **Format:** On Campus Class **Campus:** Oceanside **Room:** 8001 **Time:** 5:30pm – 8:20pm **Day:** MW

Class Web Site: blackboard.miracosta.edu **Sample Quizzes:** Cengage, the publisher of our textbook, provides online, interactive quizzes, flashcards and Crossword Puzzles - Consult the textbook material for the method of access.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) &

Course Objectives

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

Our goals go beyond having you merely learn the subject matter. We hope the course and the activities appeal to a variety of learning styles to keep everyone active and interested. As you proceed through the course, you will:

- Learn the subject matter and remember the key points
- Develop a good overview of how law and legal issues relate to business
- Be able to apply the concepts to your own business and personal situations
- Critically evaluate ethical, social, and business consequences of legal decisions
- Communicate through the discussion forums with other students on legal, ethical, technical, and other issues
- Increase your knowledge and improve your technical computer and Internet skills
- Improve your oral, written and social media communication skills
- Discover and explore some interesting websites that will be useful to you

SUBJECT MATTER OBJECTIVES:

The specific subject matter objectives for the course are for you to:

- Develop an understanding of the structure and process of the U.S. legal system, including organization, statutory law, case law, criminal law, tort law, dispute resolution, and litigation
- Explore business ethics and social responsibility and how these relate to decision-making by business managers
- Examine and compare legal doctrines in the U.S. Constitution, civil law, criminal law, and international law
- Understand the nature, characteristics, and status of contracts, and be able to draft and critique contracts
- Learn and apply the laws related to sales, warranties, and product liability
- Examine the rules related to personal and real property
- Learn the nature and types of negotiable instruments
- Explore and utilize the rules and laws related to agency and employment
- Examine the laws related to secured transactions, bankruptcy, cyberlaw, and intellectual property
- Discover the various forms of business organization and how businesses are regulated

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. From a set of facts, draft a legally enforceable contract for a party you represent
2. Given a business related ethical dilemma, determine the relevant legal and ethical issues, present the options, and make recommendations on how to address the dilemma.
3. Prepare and deliver a written paper, oral presentation, or poster presentation on a law topic of interest utilizing legal and business research techniques and appropriate presentation principles established in class. **NOT REQD IN SUMMER**

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