




Course Syllabus

Business Law I

BUSG 2305

Semester with Course Reference Number (CRN)	Fall 2014 - 26318
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Course Location/Times	JDB 205 Th. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Course Semester Credit Hours (SCH) (lecture, lab) If applicable	Credit Hours 3.00 Lecture Hours 3.00 Laboratory Hours
Total Course Contact Hours	48
Continuing Education Units (CEU): if applicable	
Course Length (number of weeks)	16
Type of Instruction	Lecture
Course Description:	Principles of law which form the legal framework for business activity including applicable statutes, contracts, and agency. (Formerly BUSI 2301)
Course Prerequisite(s)	
Academic Discipline/CTE Program Learning Outcomes 	1. Identify essential management skills necessary for career success. 2. Describe the relationships of social

- responsibility, ethics, and law in business.
- 3. Examine the role of strategic human resource planning in support of organizational mission and objectives.
- 4. Describe the impact of corporate culture and atmosphere on employee behavior.
- 5. Construct a business plan.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (SLO): 4 to 7

- 1. Define fundamental legal terminology regarding contracts, torts, property, and wills
- 2. Differentiate between business ethics and legal issues
- 3. Identify and explain required elements of torts
- 4. Identify and explain requirements of contracts
- 5. Identify and explain various consumer laws as applied to business and individuals

Learning Objectives (Numbering system should be linked to SLO - e.g., 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.)

- 1.1 Students will study contract, tort, and property law.**
- 2.1 Students will read and analyze case studies to determine ethical vs. legal issues.**
- 3.1 Students will read and analyze tort cases.**
- 4.1 Students will read and analyze contract cases.**
- 5.1 Students will study consumer laws and issues.**

SCANS and/or Core Curriculum Competencies: If applicable

- SCANS
- Define fundamental legal terminology regarding contracts, torts, property, and wills**
- Foundation Skills - Thinking -Knowing How to Learn
- Differentiate between business ethics and legal issues**
- Foundation Skills - Thinking -Decision Making
- Foundation Skills - Thinking -Creative

Foundation Skills - Thinking -Problem Solving

Foundation Skills - Thinking -Seeing Things in the Mind's Eye

Foundation Skills - Thinking -Knowing How to Learn

Foundation Skills - Thinking -Reasoning

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Foundation Skills - Thinking -Knowing How to Learn

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Identify and explain requirements of contracts

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Foundation Skills - Thinking -Reasoning

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Foundation Skills - Thinking -Reasoning

Course Calendar

Class Date	Chapter	Topic
Week 1	1	An Introduction to Dynamic Business Law
	2	Business Ethics
Week 2	3	The U.S. Legal System – Assignment due
	4	Alternative Dispute Resolution

Week 3	5	Constitutional Principles
Week 4	6	International and Comparative Law
Week 5	7	Crime and the Business Community
		Exam 1 – Chapters 1-7
Week 6	8	Tort Law
	9	Negligence and Strict Liability
Week 7	10	Product Liability
	11	Liability of Accountants and Other Professionals
Week 8	12	Intellectual Property
		Exam 2 – Chapters 8-12
Week 9	13	Introduction to Contracts
	14	Agreement
	15	Consideration
Week 10	16	Capacity and Legality
	17	Legal Assent
Week 11	18	Contracts in Writing –
		Assignment due
	19	Third-Party Rights to Contracts
Week 12	20	Discharge and Remedies
	21	Introduction to Sales and Lease Contracts
Week 13	22	Title, Risk of Loss, and Insurable Interest
	23	Performance and Obligations under Sales and Leases –
		Assignment due
Week 14	24	Remedies for Breach of Sales and Lease Contracts
	25	Warranties
Week 15	33	Agency Formation and Duties
Week 16	34	Liability to Third

Instructional Methods

Student Assignments

(1) Your primary assignment is to learn the material in the text for each class prior to the class. You should spend a minimum of two hours studying in preparation for each hour of class. You are responsible for knowing all of the material assigned in the textbook.

(2) You will have several interactive assignments. These assignments are designed to stimulate critical thinking, and reinforce key concepts. Students receive immediate feedback and can track their progress in their own report.

Student Assessment(s)

There are 3 exams which will be a combination of True and False, Multiple Choice and Fill in the Blanks. **There will be no make-up of examinations unless dire extenuating circumstances exist and these need to be discussed with professor prior to granting such exam.**

Instructor's Requirements

Students are expected to maintain a state of **technical compliance**, including (but not limited to): up-to-date software as required by the instructor; a stable Internet connection; and use of the Firefox browser when using Eagle Online.

The instructor is NOT required to give consideration for lost/missing/unacceptable work stemming from technical non-compliance and/or end-user technical issues.

The concept behind DE is relevant material and standardized instructional delivery to a group, in a consistent and fair manner, and at the lowest tuition price possible. To achieve these ends, **deadlines** must be adhered to strictly. This is a standard for all DE

institutions, HCC college policy, and that of every instructor; not just mine. Tests and Assignments **MUST** be submitted through the window on the assignments page. If it is locked out, you missed it!

Deadlines *and penalties* are a part of the business world. When your rent is late, landlords charge a \$5 penalty each day late. If you are late picking up children from daycare, the fine is \$1/minute late. IRS charges penalties **AND** interest on a daily basis. Both utility and credit card companies have late fees, penalties, and ultimately higher interest rates for missed deadlines. These are the ways of the world!! You must learn them now. In rare circumstances, special arrangements could possibly be made in advance if there is some rare reason you need preferential treatment, but do not count on it.

DE instruction is for mature, disciplined students who are college-ready and prepared to work independently. You **MUST** have the reading/writing/typing skills *and* the discipline to accomplish this on your own within the allotted timelines, otherwise you should **NOT** be enrolled in a DE class.

Program/Discipline Requirements: If applicable

HCC Grading Scale

A = 100- 90	4 points per semester hour
B = 89 - 80:	3 points per semester hour
C = 79 - 70:	2 points per semester hour
D = 69 - 60:	1 point per semester hour
59 and below = F	0 points per semester hour
IP (In Progress)	0 points per semester hour
W(Withdrawn)	0 points per semester hour
I (Incomplete)	0 points per semester hour
AUD (Audit)	0 points per semester hour

IP (In Progress) is given only in certain

developmental courses. The student must re-enroll to receive credit. COM (Completed) is given in non-credit and continuing education courses. To compute grade point average (GPA), divide the total grade points by the total number of semester hours attempted. The grades "IP," "COM" and "I" do not affect GPA.

See "Health Science Program/Discipline Requirements" for grading scale.

Instructor Grading Criteria

Exam 1 20%

Assignment 1 20%

Exam 2 20%

Assignment 2 20%

Assignment 3 15%

Exam 3 20%

Discussion Group 5%

Instructional Materials

HCC Policy Statement:

Access Student Services Policies on their Web site:

<http://hccs.edu/student-rights>

Distance Education and/or Continuing Education Policies

Access DE Policies on their Web site:

DE STUDENT SERVICES

The Distance Education Student Handbook contains policies and procedures unique to the DE student. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with the handbook's contents and part of the mandatory orientation. The handbook contains valuable information, answers, and resources, such as DE contacts, policies and procedures (how to drop, attendance requirements, etc.), student services (ADA, financial aid, degree planning, etc.), course information, testing procedures, technical support, and academic

calendars. Refer to the DE Student Handbook by visiting this link: <http://de.hccs.edu/de/de-student-handbook>

Access CE Policies on their Web site:

<http://hccs.edu/CE-student-guidelines>