

Virginia Western Community College
BUS 241
Business Law I

Prerequisites

none

Course Description

Develops a basic understanding of the US business legal environment. Introduces property and contract law, agency and partnership liability, and government regulatory law. Students will be able to apply these legal principles to landlord/tenant disputes, consumer rights issues, employment relationships, and other business transactions. Lecture 3 hours per week.

Semester Credits: 3 Lecture Hours: 3 Lab/Clinical/Internship Hours: 0

Required Materials**Textbook:**

Business Law - Create w/Connect Plus Sukys 14e 9781308800288

Other Required Materials:

none

The following supplementary materials are available:

So You're 18, Virginia State Bar, www.vsb.org/publications/brochure/so18.pdf

Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the legal background and framework that surrounds our everyday activities.
2. Demonstrate applications of law to real-world business situations such as landlord/tenant disputes, consumer rights issues, employment relationships, and other business transactions.
3. Address the prevention of problems in the areas of crimes and torts, contracts, UCC, agency, employment, business organizations, real property, personal property and bailments.

Topical Description

| Class # | Topic | |
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| 1 | Course Introduction, student introductions, safety film, Chapter 1 | |
| 2 | Chapters 2 & 3 (Sources of Law and the Judicial System) | |
| 3 | Chapter 5 & 6 (Criminal Law and Torts), test review | |
| 4 | Test 1 (Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 6); Chapter 7 (Intro. to Contracts) | |
| 5 | Chapters 7 & 8 (Offer and Acceptance); Review Test 1 | |
| 6 | Chapters 9 & 10 (Mutual Assent and Capacity) | |
| 7 | Chapter 11 – (consideration); test review | |
| 8 | Test # 2 (Chapters 7-11); Chapter 12 (Legality) | |
| 9 | Chapter 13 (Written Contracts); review Test 2 | |
| 10 | Chapter 14 & 15 (Third Party Rights & Remedies); Test review | |
| 11 | Test 3 (Chapters 12-15); Chapter 37 (Sole Proprietorships) | |
| 12 | Chapter 37 & Chapter 38 (Partnerships & Corporations) | |
| 13 | Chapter 38 & 39 (Corporations & Corporate Governance) | |
| | No Class - Thanksgiving Holidays | |
| 14 | Chapter 40 (Government Regulation of Corporations) | |
| 15 | TBA | |
| 16 | Test # 4 (Chapters 37-40) | |

Notes to Instructors

none