

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:

The Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business (IncludEd) - Pagnattaro 18E ISBN: 9781260526042
Looseleaf option in bookstore for students who choose IncludEd: ISBN: 9781260520583

Other Required Materials:

none

Course Outcomes

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

1. Understand that laws and regulations are fundamental foundations for business, and to understand the roles that the state and federal court systems play in applying the law.
2. Demonstrate applications of law to real-world business situations such as contract formation and performance, 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, and business organizations.

Topical Description

Chapter 1 – Law as a Foundation for Business
Chapter 3 – The Court System
Chapter 4 – Litigation
Chapter 5 – Alternative Dispute Resolution
Chapter 6 – The Constitution
Chapter 8 – Contract Formation

Chapter 9 – Contractual Performance and Breach
Chapter 10 – Torts Affecting Business
Chapter 13 – Criminal Law and Business
Chapter 14 – Business Organizations
Chapter 15 – The Regulatory Process
Chapter 18 – Privacy and Consumer Protection
Chapter 20 – Discrimination in Employment
Chapter 21 – Employment Laws

Notes to Instructors

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