

Virginia Western Community College

BUS 240

Business Law I

Prerequisites

none

Course Description

Provides an introduction to the American legal system and the use of law to achieve economic and social goals. Highlights ethical principles and legal reasoning underlying the rights and obligations of business relationships and their effect on business decision-making. Emphasizes fundamental principles of government regulation and the court system, constitutional law, torts, criminal law, contracts, agency, employment, and property law. 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:

Students will need a computer capable of accessing Canvas through the VWCC system. Students are required to use Canvas for this course.

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, and employment.

Topical Description

Chapter 1 – Law as a Foundation for Business
Chapter 3 – The Court System
Chapter 4 – Litigation

Chapter 6 – The Constitution
Chapter 7 – The Property System
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 18 – Privacy and Consumer Protection
Chapter 20 – Discrimination in Employment
Chapter 21 – Employment Laws

Notes to Instructors

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