

Virginia Western Community College

BUS 240

Business Law I

Prerequisites

none

VCCS 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.

Semester Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Required Materials

Textbook

The Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business (Included with tuition costs as part of “Access” program) - Pagnattaro. (McGraw Hill).

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.

Students who wish to take tests on a home computer will need to download free “Respondus Monitor” software, per course instructions.

VCCS COURSE OUTCOMES

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

- 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.
- Demonstrate applications of law to real-world business situations such as contract formation and performance, employment relationships, and other business transactions.
- Address the prevention of problems in the areas of crimes and torts, contracts,

UCC, agency, and employment.

MAJOR TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED

- 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 20 – Discrimination in Employment
- Chapter 21 – Employment Laws

Note to Instructors

None

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