

Course: Business Law 1
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5 Units

Distance Learning Course with no class meetings

Office Hours: By appointment

Course Website:

We will use De Anza's Distance Learning Center's Website – Catalyst. You must have a reliable Internet connection. If you don't have a reliable Internet connection, you can take advantage of computers on Campus.

Course Materials:

Required Text: Business Law Today, The Essentials, Miller/Jentz, 10th Edition (9th edition optional)

Course Objectives:

This course is meant to provide a general introduction to the legal environment that affects individuals, businesses, and business transactions. In addition to providing a general introduction to the American legal system, this course will include a focus on contracts.

Methods of Teaching and Learning:

These will consist of textbook readings, case studies, discussion questions, practice quizzes, mid-term and final examinations. There will also be two term papers. Students are accountable for textual and other materials assigned by the professor.

Assignments and Weight:

We will have four online exams (two midterms and one final), two case studies, one term paper, and weekly discussion questions. Your grade will be calculated as follows:

Midterm Exam 1	100 points	20%
Final Exam	100 points	20%
Paper 1	100 points	20%
Paper 2	100 points	20%
Discussion Questions/Case Study	100 points	20%

Written Assignments:

Written assignments include term papers, discussion questions and extra credit (optional). Except for the discussion questions, students are expected to provide their assignments and papers in typewritten essay form, using 12-point size and Times New Roman font. The papers must have a 1-inch margin left and right, top and bottom. All assignments must be turned in via Catalyst in the provided drop box. I will not accept assignments via email due to potential loss of emails. Assignments turned in after the due date will be marked down 10% per calendar day for each day that the assignment is late for up to three days. I will not accept assignments past that time.

Use a computer and make a back up copy of everything you do for your records. It is always a good idea to make a backup copy of all assignments you complete in the event of loss. In the event of loss, you will need to show proof that you have completed the work if any question or error arises.

Participation:

Students are expected to participate in weekly discussion questions. Class participation is mandatory and everyone should have the opportunity to share his or her opinion. Online participation is important to the learning process for everyone, which is why attendance and participation constitute to your final grade. Each discussion question is worth 10 points with the exception of the introduction, which is worth 5 points, and the feedback, which is worth 5 points. The 10 points are applied as follows: 8 points for your initial post and 2 points for a reply on someone else's post.

Extra Credit:

Students are encouraged to post in news articles that touch upon topics we have discussed in class. A student will receive 20 points extra credit (up to a maximum of 60 points per student) for every article they post that complements a current lesson or past class discussions/readings. In order to receive credit, students must give a 1-2 page explanation of the article, and explain how it relates to the class. Students must let me review the article first before presenting it in class and I will determine whether the article is relevant to the class and is deserving of extra credit. Students may bring in one article per topic. I will not accept any articles during the last two weeks of classes and approve articles only up to the Friday prior to those two weeks until 5pm.

Assignment Due Dates:

All assignments are due during the week in which they are posted.

Discussion question posts are due on Wednesday of each week, and replies are due by Sunday.

- Exams open on Wednesday and close on Friday with exception of the final exam, which opens on Monday and closes on Wednesday.
- The country paper is due on Friday of week 11.
- Extra credits are due on or before Friday of week 10.

Student Responsibility:

Each student is responsible for completing all assignments and attending class. I may make changes to this syllabus or the reading list during the semester. It is the student's responsibility to stay informed of these changes. Students may contact me during office hours or via email.

Information Technology:

You will need to have access to the Internet in order to complete some of the assignments for this class. Additionally, some of the assignments will need to be typewritten. If you do not have access to a computer please be aware that there are computer labs on campus available for students in the Tech Center.

Academic Dishonesty:

Plagiarism in any form will not be tolerated. Plagiarism is the uncredited use (both intentional and unintentional) of somebody else's words or ideas. If I discover that any student has engaged in plagiarism I reserve the right to issue that student a failing grade in the class. Please refer De Anza policy on academic dishonesty.

Cheating Policy:

Most students do not get involved in cheating so make certain you are in that category. All work must be original and not a copy of other's work or other's test answers. Written assignments must be original, with references used clearly identified. I read all papers so I will pick up on copies or note use of previous works. Make certain everything you submit is your very own work and represents your individual thoughts and conclusions. This will enhance your overall learning of the subject matters that we cover. Thanks for you attention to this matter.

WEEK	Reading	EXAMS/PROJECTS
Week 1	Chapter 1 • The Constitutional Foundation	
Week 2	Chapter 2 • Ethics and Business Decision Making	
Week 3	Chapter 3 and 4 • Courts and ADR • Torts and Cyber Torts	
Week 4	Chapter 5 • Intellectual Property and Internet Law	
Week 5	Read chapter 6 and 7 (<i>7 only if you have the 9th ed.</i>) take the Midterm Exam • Criminal Law and Cybercrime	Midterm Exam 1 10 th edition: Chapters 1-6 9 th edition: Chapters 1-7
Week 6	Chapters <i>7 in the 10th ed., or chapter 8 in the 9th ed.</i> • Contracts: Nature and Classification, Agreement and Consideration	Term Paper 1 is due!
	Chapter <i>8 in the 10th ed. or chapter 9 in the 9th ed.</i> • Contracts: Capacity, Legality, assent, and Form	
Week 7	Chapter <i>9 in the 10th ed. or chapter 10 in the 9th ed.</i> • Contracts: Performance/Rights and Discharge, Breach and Remedies	
	Chapter <i>12 in the 10th ed. or chapter 13 in the 9th ed.</i> • Warranties, Product Liability, Consumer Law	
Week 8	Chapter 17 • Agency Relationship in Business	
	Start chapter 18 • Employment Law	
Week 9	Finish chapter 18, Chapters 19 • Entrepreneurs Option	
Week 10	Complete your term paper • Submit your court visit paper by Sunday night.	Term Paper 2 is due!
	Chapter 24 • Real Property and Environmental Law	
Week 11	Chapter 25 • International Law	
Week 12	Final Exam Week 10th Edition: Chapters 7-9, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 9th Edition: Chapters 8-10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25	Final Exam