

BUSINESS LAW

Syllabus

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Course Description

This course includes the study of practical application of law dealing with the individual's need for protection of his/her personal rights and obligations in everyday life and business agreements. Students will study the origin of law, ethics, legal terminology, contracts, insurance, and property rights (renting, owning).

Business & Personal Law provides students with the foundation and skills necessary to become knowledgeable and productive members of society. The information found in this course can help the students make the best possible choices for their future.

Course Outline

1. Foundations of Law
2. The Court System
3. Criminal Law
4. Tort Law
5. Contract Law
6. Consumer Law
7. Entrepreneurship & Employment Law



Course Content

Unit 1: Foundations of Law

- I can explain how I decide what is ethical in my own life.
- I can explain the relationship between law, ethics, and morals.
- I can explain the sources of today's laws.

Unit 2: The Court System

- I can compare and contrast federal, state, and local court systems.
- I can explain the role of a jury.
- I can compare the responsibilities of the defense attorneys to the prosecutors.

Unit 3: Criminal Law

- I can describe the elements of a crime.
- I can classify crimes against people, property, government, business, and society.
- I can differentiate between a misdemeanor and a felony.
- I can state an individual's rights if arrested.
- I can list steps in a criminal trial.
- I can explain the defenses available to defendants.
- I can describe punishments and sentences associated with crimes.

Unit 4: Tort Law

- I can distinguish between a tort and a crime.
- I can differentiate between intentional and unintentional torts.
- I can describe the steps in a civil trial.

- I can describe remedies available in tort law.
- I can apply the four components of negligence to a case study.

Unit 5: Contract Law

- I can explain all of the elements that go into making a valid and binding contract.
- I can explain what type of person can enter into a contract.

Unit 6: Consumer Law

- I can explain the rights and responsibilities of consumers; e.g. false advertising, telemarketing, product liability, etc.
- I can describe laws and agencies that provide consumer protection.
- I can distinguish between a sale of goods and other transactions relating to goods.
- I can describe different types of bankruptcy and identify reasons for bankruptcy laws.
- I can identify legislation that regulates consumer credit and provides consumer protection.

Unit 7: Entrepreneurship & Employment Law

- I can demonstrate an understanding of the nature of employer-employee relationship.
- I can identify federal, state, and local laws and agencies dealing with employment.
- I can describe the laws that guarantee fair wages and benefits.
- I can describe the laws that regulate unions and the collective-bargaining process.
- I can analyze the impact of no-competition and confidentiality clauses in employment agreements.

Classroom Expectations

Below is my list of non-negotiables. We will create a set of individual class rules in the near future. Detentions will be assigned as described in the Student Behavior Guide. Pay particular attention to the tardy policy.

1. Arrive to class on time.
2. Come to class prepared to work.
3. Engage in class activities.
4. Minimize distractions.
5. No food or drink (except a bottle of water) in the classroom.

Grading Policies

Numeric grades:

A	= 90 – 100
B	= 80 – 89
C	= 70 – 79
D	= 60 – 69
F	= 00 – 59

Percentages:

Summative Assessments	= 70%
Classwork	= 30%

Course Power Vocabulary

Administrative Agencies	Defense of family members	Contributory Negligence	Implied
Ethics	Entrapment	Defamation	Offer
Greatest Good	Felony	Duty of Care	Revocation
Golden Rule	Insanity	Emotional Distress	Unilateral
Law	Kidnapping	Negligence	Bait and Switch
Morals	Larceny	Proximate Cause	Buyer's Remedies
Statutes	Manslaughter	Trespass	Consumer Product Safety Act
Appellate Court	Misdemeanor	Tort	Seller's Remedies
District Court	Murder	Wrongful Death	Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)
Grand Jury	Perjury	Acceptable	Warranties
Supreme Court	Robbery	Bilateral	Agent
Assault	Actual Harm	Contract	Agency
Battery	Assumption of Risk	Counteroffer	Benefits
Burglary	Breach of Duty	Express	Collective Bargaining
Crime	Comparative Negligence	Genuine Agreement	Liability
		Principal	Union