

Course: Business Law 1
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Office Hours: By appointment

Distance Learning Course with no class meetings except the final exam! Date and time will be announced on Catalyst!

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

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 weekly quizzes, short writing assignments, two term papers, and weekly discussion questions. Your grade will be calculated as follows:

Weekly quizzes	20%
Final Exam	20%
Papers	20%
Writing assignments	20%
Discussion Questions	20%

Written Assignments:

Written assignments include term papers, discussion questions and short writing assignments. 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.

Assignment Due Dates:

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

- Discussion question posts are due on Thursday of each week, and replies are due by Sunday.
- Quizzes open on Wednesday and close on Friday with exception of the final exam, which is scheduled on campus. See details in schedule below. **No makeup quizzes/exams will be allowed.**
- Other assignment due dates will vary and will be announced on Catalyst.

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 un-credited 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 your attention to this matter.

WEEK	Reading	EXAMS/PROJECTS
Week 1	<i>Chapter 1</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Constitutional Foundation 	
Week 2	<i>Chapter 2</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethics and Business Decision Making 	
Week 3	Chapter 3 and 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Courts and ADR • Torts and Cyber Torts 	
Week 4	<i>Chapter 5</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intellectual Property and Internet Law 	
Week 5	<i>Read chapter 6 and 7</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal Law and Cybercrime • Contracts: Nature, Classification, Agreement and Consideration 	
Week 6	<i>Chapter 8 and 9</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contracts: Capacity, Legality, assent, and Form • Contracts: Performance/Rights and Discharge, Breach and Remedies 	Term Paper 1 is due!
Week 7	<i>Chapter 10 and 11</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales and Lease Contracts • Performance and Breach in Sales and Lease Contracts 	
Week 8	<i>Chapter 12</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warranties, Product Liability and Consumer Law 	
Week 9	Chapter 17 and 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency Relationship in Business • Employment Law 	
Week 10	<i>Chapter 24</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Real Property and Environmental Law 	Term Paper 2 is due!
Week 11	Chapter 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Law 	
Week 12	<i>Final Exam Week</i> <i>Take the Midterm Exam on Campus</i> <i>Tuesday, December 8th, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, De Anza Campus, Room Admin 119</i>	Final Exam