LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
COURSE SYLLABUS

Course Prefix/Number:

BUL 3130

Course Title:

Legal Environment of Business

Course Credit Hours:

3 Hours

Instructor Name and Contact Information:

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Prerequisites or Co-Requisites:

None.

Course Description:

First of two courses in business law for C.P.A. preparation. Background of law and legal environment of business, including administrative, social, political, and ethical aspects. Coverage of law includes torts, constitutional law, legal procedures, criminal law, contracts, sales under the Uniform Commercial Code, and real property.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Students will have a beginning knowledge of the major areas of torts (intentional, negligence, defamation, strict liability), criminal law, the Federal Bill of Rights, and the Court Systems after completion of part 1 of the course.
Students will have a working knowledge of the elements of a contract and the exceptions, and third party rights to a contract after completion of part 2 of the course.

Students will have a beginning knowledge of real property estates in land, co-ownership, ownership rights, real estate sales, and sales of goods governed by the Uniform Commercial Code after completion of part 3 of the course.

**Topics Covered:**

Federal Bill of Rights  
Court Systems  
Court Procedures  
Torts  
Criminal Law  
Contract Law  
U.C.C. Sales  
Real Estate

**Texts:**

**Required Texts:**


**Grading / Evaluation:**

Based upon the average of 3 major test grades.

Grading Scale

- A 100-94  
- A- 93-90  
- B+ 89-87  
- B 86-84  
- B- 83-80  
- C+ 79-77  
- C 76-74  
- C- 73-70  
- D+ 69-67  
- D 66-64  
- F 63 & below

**Expectations for Academic Conduct/Plagiarism Policy:**

As members of the University of West Florida, we commit ourselves to honesty. As we strive for excellence in performance, integrity - personal and institutional - is our most precious asset. Honesty in our academic work is vital, and we will not knowingly act in ways which erode that integrity. Accordingly, we pledge not to
cheat, nor to tolerate cheating, nor to plagiarize the work of others. We pledge to share community resources in ways that are responsible and that comply with established policies of fairness. Cooperation and competition are means to high achievement and are encouraged. Indeed, cooperation is expected unless our directive is to individual performance. We will compete constructively and professionally for the purpose of stimulating high performance standards. Finally, we accept adherence to this set of expectations for academic conduct as a condition of membership in the UWF academic community.

Students with Special Needs:
The University of West Florida supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Prior to receiving accommodations, you must register with the Student Disability Resource Center. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the student. For information regarding the registration process, email sdrc@uwf.edu or call 850-474-2387.

Class Agenda:
90% lecture by the instructor. Students, however, will be called upon for input and discussion. Attendance is an absolute must in order to make a good grade.

**SPRING TERM 2016 SCHEDULE**

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