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<http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/ohara.htm>**Business Law Fundamentals***With an Honors Contract, may be taken for Honors credit.**Previously known as Introduction to Business Law and Ethics, LAWS 3910.***Spring 2008**LAWS 3930-002 # 11745 Tuesday & Thursday **11:30 AM - 12:45 AM RH 010A**LAWS 3930-003 # 11746 Tuesday & Thursday **10:00 AM - 11:15 AM RH 206****COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

3 credit hours. "LAWS 3930 introduces students to the legal system governing business transactions. This course emphasizes constitutional law, the Common Law, and relevant statutory law. The legal topics covered include litigation and ADR, torts, contracts, Sale of Goods, insurance, international law, and regulation of business.

**Prereq.:** ENGL 1160; SPCH 1110 or higher; ECON 2200 all with C (2.0) or better; 2.5 GPA." [NOTE: by implication, also need MATH 1310 with "C" (2.0) or better as well as 12 hours earned.] **[NOTE: WARNING from UPC on TWO STRIKE RULE: only enroll twice AND all prerequisites before enroll.]**

**GRADED EVENTS:**

A course letter grade of "A" is earned with a total course percentage of 90.0%; "A-" is earned with a total course percentage of 87.0%; "B+" with 83.0%; "B" with 80.0%; "B-" with 77.0%; "C+" is earned with 73.0%; "C" with 70.0%; "D" with 60.0%; and an "F" is earned with less than 60.0%. **In undergraduate classes, the instructor does not use the course grades of "C-", "D+", or "D-".**

**30% February 14****First Exam**

chapters 1 - 4; 6, 7, 9 &amp; 52

**40% April 15****Second Exam**

chapters 10 - 23

**30% May 6 or 8****Comprehensive Final Exam**

chapters 1 - 4; 6, 7, 9 - 23; 43, 44, 46, 49, 50, &amp; 52

**Any form of academic dishonesty, solely in the discretion of the instructor, shall cause the student to earn a grade of "F" on the assignment or a course grade of "F".**

**TEXT:**

- Clarkson *et al.*, *West's Business Law: Text and Cases: Legal, Ethical, International, and E-Commerce Environment. 10th (BROWN) Edition.* USA: West Ed. Pub. Co., 2006.  
**Hardbound** edition ISBN: 0-324-30390-4.  
**Loose-leaf** edition ISBN: 0-324-55387-0.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters</u>		
Jan 15		introduction to class	
Jan 17	chapter 1	legal reasoning	
Jan 22	2 & 3	courts & procedure	
Jan 24	4	constitution	
Jan 29	4	constitution	
Jan 31	52	international	
Feb 5	6	torts: intentional and negligence	
Feb 7	7	torts: strict liability	
Feb 12	9	crime	
<b>Feb 14</b>		<b>FIRST EXAM: Chapters 1 - 4, 6, 7, 9, &amp; 52</b>	
Feb 19	10 & 11	terminology & agreement	
Feb 21	12	consideration	
Feb 26	13	capacity & legality	
Feb 28	14 & 15	genuineness & Statute of Frauds	
Mar 4	16	3rd party	
Mar 6	17	performance & discharge	
Mar 11	18	breach & remedies	
Mar 13	19	e-contracts	
<i>Mar 18</i>		<i>no class: Spring Break</i>	
<i>Mar 20</i>		<i>no class: Spring Break</i>	
Mar 25	20	UCC: formation	
<i>Mar 27</i>		<i>guest lecturer: <b>extra credit</b></i>	
Apr 1	21	UCC: title & risk of loss & insurable interest	
Apr 3	22	UCC: performance	
Apr 8	23	UCC: warranties	
Apr 10		review	
<b>Apr 15</b>		<b>SECOND EXAM: chapters 10 - 23</b>	
Apr 17	43	administrative	
Apr 22	44	consumer	
Apr 24	46	antitrust	
Apr 29	49	insurance	
May 1	50	wills	
<b>May 6</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Comprehensive Final Exam</b>	<b>RH 206</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Comprehensive Final Exam</b>	<b>RH 010A</b>