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**Business Law Fundamentals**

*With an Honors Contract, may be taken for Honors credit.*

**Spring 2009**

LAWS 3930-002 # 13367 Monday & Wednesday **11:30 AM - 12:45 PM RH 010A**

**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 (audit = enroll) 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" 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+", "C-", "D+", or "D-".**

**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 letter grade of "F".**

Any student with an 87.0% average after the Fourth Exam may elect to skip the Comprehensive Final Exam and take a course letter grade of "A-".

**20% February 11 First Exam:** chapters 1 - 4; 6, 7, 9 & 52

**20% March 11 Second Exam:** chapters 10 - 19

**20% April 8 Third Exam:** chapters 20 - 23

**10% April 29 Fourth Exam:** chapters 43, 44, 46, 49, & 50

**30% May 4 Comprehensive Final Exam**  
 chapters 1 - 4; 6, 7, 9 - 23; 43, 44, 46, 49, 50, & 52

**TEXTS:**

1. Clarkson *et al.*, *Business Law: Text and Cases: Legal, Ethical, Global, and E-Commerce Environments*. **11th (RED) Edition**. USA: South-western Cengage Learning, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0-324-65522-3.

2. **Hereby incorporate by reference the documents:**

[A] [Reasonable Expectations](#); [B] [Critical Thinking](#), [C] [Memorization Techniques](#), and

[D] [USA Constitution](#) (also recommend BarChart's four-page plastic copy)

on O'Hara's website's [Course Materials and Handouts](#) page.

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