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Summer 2006

LAWS 3910-101 # 10521 Tuesdays & Thursdays **6:00 PM - 9:05 PM** **RH 218***With contract, may be taken for Honors credit.***COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

3 credit hours. "This course introduces students to the American legal system governing business. The course emphasizes selected constitutional law issues and ethics, as well as the common and relevant statutory law of torts, contracts, and property." 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 course letter grade of "A-" is earned with 87.0%; a "B+" is earned with 83.0%; a "B" is earned with 80.0%; a "B-" is earned with 77.0%; a "C+" is earned with 73.0%; a "C" is earned with 70.0%; a "D" is earned 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% **May 25** Exam #1 (chapters 1 - 9 & 52)30% **June 8** Exam #2 (chapters 1 - 19 & 52; but especially 10 - 19)40% **June 22** Exam #3 (chapters 1 - 23 & 47 - 52;  
but especially ethics and 20 - 23 & 47 - 51)**TEXT:**

1. 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. ISBN: 0-324-30390-4.

**This Syllabus incorporates by reference the [Reasonable Expectations](#), the [Critical Thinking](#), and the [Memorization Techniques](#) documents found at <http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/ToMater.htm>**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters</u>	
May 9	introduction to class & chapters 1 & 5:	legal reasoning & ethics
May 11	2 & 3	courts & procedure
May 16	4 & 52	constitution & international
May 18	6 & 7	torts: intentional, negligence, & strict liability
May 23	8 & 9	IP & crime
<b>May 25</b>	6:00 - 6:30	review
	<b>6:30 - 7:30</b>	<b>Exam #1</b>
	7:30 - 9:05	10: terminology
		<i>NOTE: Memorial Day = 29th</i>
May 30	11 & 12 & 13	agreement & consideration & legality
June 1	14 & 15 & 16	genuineness & Statute of Frauds & 3rd party
June 6	17 & 18 & 19	performance & breach & e-contracts
<b>June 8</b>	6:00 - 6:30	review
	<b>6:30 - 7:30</b>	<b>Exam #2</b>
	7:30 - 9:05	20 formation
June 13	21 & 22 & 23	title & risk of loss & insurable interest & performance & warranties
June 15	47 & 48	property: personal & real
June 20	49 & 50 & 51	insurance & wills & professionals
<b>June 22</b>	6:00 - 7:00	5 & "Focus on Ethics" at pages 115, 206, 376, 472, 984, & 1061
	7:00 - 7:30	review
	<b>7:30 - 9:05</b>	<b>Exam #3</b>