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Introduction to Business Law and Ethics

Fall 2005

LAWS 3910-001	# 14967	Mondays & Wednesdays	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	RH 010A
LAWS 3910-003	# 14969	Wednesdays	6:00 PM – 8:40 PM	RH 216

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, 2.3 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 by completing a signed **grade contract** with the professor and a course letter grade of "A-"; a course letter grade of "A-" is earned with a total course percentage of 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-".*

20%	Sep 21	Unit Exam #1 (chapters 1 - 8 & 53) (<i>deadline for grade contract</i>)
20%	Oct 19	Unit Exam #2 (chapters 1 - 18 & 53; but especially 9 - 18)
20%	Nov 16	Unit Exam #3 (chapters 1 - 23 and 47 - 53; but especially 19 - 23 and 47 - 52) <i>Ethics will be covered throughout the course, but is sole focus in the last two weeks.</i>
10%	Dec 7	Ethics Exam (chapter 42 & "Focus on Ethics" sections in assigned readings) <i>Any student with an "A-" average after the Ethics Exam is excused from Final Exam.</i>
30%	Dec 14	Comprehensive Final Exam: Built from questions from all prior exams.

TEXTS:

1. Clarkson *et al.*, *West's Business Law: Text and Cases: Legal, Ethical, International, and E-Commerce Environment*. **9th** (blue) **Edition**. USA: West Ed. Pub. Co., 2004.