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### Introduction to Business Law and Ethics

Fall 2006

LAWS 3910-001	# 11720	Monday & Wednesday	<b>10:00 AM - 11:15 AM</b>	<b>RH 010A</b>
LAWS 3910-003	# 11722	Wednesday	<b>6:00 PM - 8:40 PM</b>	<b>RH 108</b>

*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 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-"*.

*Any student with an "A-" average after the Exam #3 may elect to not take the Final Exam. Any student with a "C" average or higher after Exam #3 will earn the course letter grade of the higher of that student's Final Exam grade and that student's total course percentage.*

20%	<b>Sep. 25</b>	Exam #1 (chap. 1 - 9 & 52 & Focus on Ethics [FoE])
20%	<b>Oct. 23</b>	Exam #2 (chap. 1 - 19 & 52; but especially 10 - 19 & FoE)
20%	<b>Nov. 29</b>	Exam #3 (chap. 1 - 23 & 47 - 52; but especially 20 - 23 & 47 - 51 & FoE)
40%	<b>Dec. 13</b>	<b>Comprehensive</b> Final Exam: Built from questions from all prior exams.

Extra credit *might* be offered. If a student would rather author a research paper than take Exams #1, #2, and/or #3, then negotiate with the professor for substitute performance of this contract.  
 NOTE: Any form of academic dishonesty can cause the student to earn a course grade of "F".

#### TEXTS:

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**

<http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/ReasonableExpectations06a.pdf> ,

<http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/CriticalThinking06a.pdf> , and

<http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/MemorizationTechniques06a.pdf> documents at O'Hara's web.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Chapters</u>			
Aug 21	introduction to class			
Aug 23	1 reasoning			<i>What is the Wed. night schedule?</i>
Aug 28	2 & 3	courts & procedure		
Aug 30	4 & 52	constitution & international		
Sep 4	<i>no class</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>		
Sep 6	4 & 52	constitution & international		
Sep 11	6 & 7	torts: intentional, negligence, & strict liability		
Sep 13	8 & 9	IP & crime		
Sep 18	5	ethics ( <i>see also</i> , pages 115 - 117; 206 - 208; 376 - 378; 472 - 475; 984 - 986; and 1061 - 1063 which, typically, will be covered after the last chapter of each such Unit)		
Sep 20	catch-up	&/or <b>review</b> for Exam #1		
<b>Sep 25</b>	<b>Exam # 1</b>			
Sep 27	10 & 11	terminology & agreement		
Oct 2	12 & 13	consideration & capacity & legality		
Oct 4	14 & 15	genuineness & Statute of Frauds		
Oct 9	16 & 17	3rd party & performance & discharge		
Oct 11	18 & 19	breach & remedies & e-contracts		
Oct 16	<i>no class</i>	<i>Fall Break</i>		
Oct 18	catch-up	&/or <b>review</b> for Exam #2		
<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>Exam #2</b>			
Oct 25	20 & 21	formation & title & risk of loss & insurable interest		
Oct 30	22 & 23	performance & warranties		
Nov 1	all of UCC Art. 2			
Nov 6	47 & 48	property: personal & real ( <i>review IP on own</i> )		
Nov 8	49 & 50	insurance & wills		
Nov 13	51	professionals		
Nov 15	5	ethics ( <i>see also</i> , pages 115 - 117; 206 - 208; 376 - 378; 472 - 475; 984 - 986; and 1061 - 1063 which, typically, will be covered after the last chapter of each such Unit)		
Nov 20	catch- up	&/or <b>review</b> for Exam #3		
Nov 22	<i>no class</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Break</i>		
Nov 27	catch- up	&/or <b>review</b> for Exam #3		
<b>Nov 29</b>	<b>Exam #3</b>	<i>Any student with an "A-" average after the Exam #3 may elect to _not_ take the Final Exam.</i>		
Dec 4	<b>student's questions</b>	and professor's answers related to Final Exam		
Dec 6	<b>student's questions</b>	and professor's answers related to Final Exam		
<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<i>comprehensive</i> <b>Final Exam</b>	10:00 AM until noon	RH 010A
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<i>comprehensive</i> <b>Final Exam</b>	6:00 PM until 8:00 PM	RH 108