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<http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/ohara.htm>**Introduction to Business Law and Ethics**

Spring 2007

LAWS 3910-003 # 11757 Tuesday & Thursday **10:00 AM - 11:15 AM** **RH 206**LAWS 3910-002 # 11756 Tuesday & Thursday **11:30 AM - 12:45 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 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 67.0 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% **Feb 8** Exam #1 (chap. 1 - 9 & 52 & Focus on Ethics [FoE])

20% **Mar 20** Exam #2 (chap. 1 - 19 & 52; but especially 10 - 19 & FoE)

20% **Apr 19** Exam #3 (chap. 1 - 23 & 47 - 52; but especially 20 - 23 & 47 - 51 & FoE)

40% **May 1 & 3** **Comprehensive** 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".

Any student may, solely at the option of the student, choose to skip any one of Exam #1, #2, or #3, and may make that choice without providing the instructor any notice.

A student's non-taking of any such exam, objectively and automatically is that student's choice to:

[a] forfeit that student's opportunity to be excused from the Final Exam;

[b] decrease the course percentage value of the skipped exam (i.e., was 20% and becomes zero percent);

and

[c] increase the course percentage value of the Final Exam (i.e., was 40% and becomes 60% [i.e., 60% = 40% + 20%]).

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>	
Jan 9	introduction to class & chapter 1	reasoning
Jan 11	<i>no class</i>	
Jan 16	2 & 3	courts & procedure
Jan 18	4 & 52	constitution & international
Jan 23	4 & 52	constitution & international
Jan 25	6 & 7	torts: intentional, negligence, & strict liability
Jan 30	8 & 9	IP & crime
Feb 1	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)
Feb 6	catch-up &/or review for Exam #1	
Feb 8	Exam # 1	
Feb 13	10 & 11	terminology & agreement
Feb 15	<i>Guest Lecturer: extra credit</i>	
Feb 20	12 & 13	consideration & capacity & legality
Feb 22	14 & 15	genuineness & Statute of Frauds
Feb 27	16 & 17	3rd party & performance & discharge
Mar 1	<i>no class UNO CLOSED DUE TO BLIZZARD</i>	
Mar 6	18 & 19	breach & remedies & e-contracts
Mar 8	catch-up &/or review for Exam #2	
Mar 13	<i>SPRING BREAK: no class</i>	
Mar 15	<i>SPRING BREAK: no class</i>	
Mar 20	Exam #2	
Mar 22	20 & 21	formation & title & risk of loss & insurable interest
Mar 27	22 & 23	performance & warranties
Mar 29	<i>Guest Lecture: extra credit</i>	
Apr 3	all of UCC Art. 2	
Apr 5	47 & 48	property: real and personal
Apr 10	49 & 50	insurance & wills
Apr 12	51	professionals
Apr 17	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)
Apr 19	Exam #3 <i>Any student with an "A-" average after the Exam #3 may elect to _not_ take the Final Exam.</i>	
Apr 24	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)
Apr 26	student's questions and professor's answers related to Final Exam	
10:00 AM T	May 1	<i>comprehensive</i> Final Exam 10:00 AM until noon RH 206
11:30 PM R	May 3	<i>comprehensive</i> Final Exam 11:30 AM until 1:30 PM RH 218