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Legal and Ethical Applications

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

Spring 2009

LAWS 3940-001 # 13370 Monday & Wednesday **10:00 AM - 11:15 AM RH 306**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

3 credit hours. "LAWS 3940 exposes students to business organization law and ethics. Emphasis is on business organizations (e.g., agency, partnerships, corporations), financial transactions (e.g., checks, liens, securities), and property (e.g., environment, intellectual). Ethics is a discrete subject area studied and its analytical tools are applied to all of these areas of law.

Prereq: LAWS 3930 and ACCT 2020 both with C+ (2.3) or better; 2.5 GPA."

[NOTE: implies ENGL 1160, SPCH 1110, ACCT 2010, ECON 2200, and MATH 1310 all with "C" or higher.]

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".

10% during FoE **class participation**

20% Feb. 11 FIRST EXAM: BLF review, chapters 5, 8, 45, 47, & 48.

20% Mar. 9 SECOND EXAM: chapters 24 - 30.

20% Apr. 15 THIRD EXAM: chapters 31 - 42.

30% Apr. 22 "[The Times](#)" research paper on business ethics.

On Jan. 21 detailed instructions will be distributed.

extra credit There are several opportunities for earning extra credit.

Apr. 1 There is a guest lecturer and your attendance earns +1%.

May 6 "The Times" presenters earn +3%; those absent earn **MINUS 6%**.

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 and/or Focus on Ethics (FoE)</u>		
Jan 12	review Bus. Law Fundamentals		
Jan 14	review Bus. Law Fundamentals		
Jan 19	<i>no class</i>	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	
Jan 21	5	ethics	distribute the requirements for "The Times"
Jan 26	FoE Units 1 & 2		class participation on FoE days
Jan 28	FoE Units 3, 4, 9, & 11		
Feb 2	47 & 48 & 8 property: real & personal; intellectual property		
Feb 4	<i>guest lecturer</i>	<i>+1% extra credit</i>	
Feb 9	45	environmental law	
Feb 11	FIRST EXAM: BLF review, chapters 5, 8, 45, 47, & 48		
	<i>on exam days: review 10:00 until 10:30; then exam 10:30 until 11:15</i>		
Feb 16	24	negotiable instruments	
Feb 18	25	transferability and HDC	
Feb 23	26	liability, defenses, and discharge	
Feb 25	27	checks and the banking system	
Mar 2	28 & 29	creditors' rights and remedies; & secured transactions	
Mar 4	30	bankruptcy	
Mar 9	SECOND EXAM: chapters 24 - 30		
Mar 11	31 & 32	agency: form & liability	"The Times" bibliography due
Mar 16	<i>no class: Spring Break</i>		
Mar 18	<i>no class: Spring Break</i>		
Mar 23	33 & 34	employment law & discrimination law	
Mar 25	35 & 36	sole and franchise & partnerships	
Mar 30	37 & 38	LLC & corporations	
Apr 1	<i>guest lecturer</i>	<i>+1% extra credit</i>	
Apr 6	39	corporations: directors, officers, and shareholders	
Apr 8	40	corporations: merger, consolidation, and termination	
Apr 13	41 & 42	securities law and governance & small business	
Apr 15	THIRD EXAM: chapters 31 - 42		
Apr 20	FoE Units 1, 2, 9, & 10		
Apr 22	FoE Units 5 & 6		"The Times" paper due
Apr 27	FoE Unit 7		
Apr 29	FoE Unit 8		
May 6	best three "The Times" present: earn MINUS 6% extra credit <u>if absent</u>		