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Legal, Ethical, and Social Environment

Fall 2007

BSAD 8010-001 # 10488 **Tuesday 6:00 - 8:40 PM RH 010C (center pod)**

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

3 credit hours. "Focus upon law and ethics. Business law, legal processes, and regulations will be the subject matter focus. Business ethics will be a recurring focus of analysis. Analysis of the social environment will include public policy. Both subject matter and analysis will be integrated to build the student's critical thinking skills. Prereq.: MBA Foundation courses."

GRADED EVENTS:

The course letter grade of "A" is earned with a total course percentage of 90.0%; the "A-" is earned with 87.0%; the "B+" is earned with 83.0%; the "B" is earned with 80.0%; the "C+" is earned with 75.0%; the "C" is earned with 70.0%; the "D" is earned with 60.0%, and the "F" is earned with less than 60.0%. In graduate classes, **the instructor does NOT use the course grades of "B-", "C-", "D+", or "D-".**

- 60% Daily Quizzes:** 12 quizzes graded as if there only are 10; fill-in-the-blank; based on that day's assigned readings; memorization items from IL&EA tables; concepts from BEE.
- 10% Ethics Game R&D module:** November 20
- 10% Ethics Game Governance module:** November 27
- 20% Essay Final Exam:** questions distributed November 27; exam on December 18

TEXTS:

REQUIRED

1. DesJardins, Joseph R. *Business, Ethics, and the Environment: Imagining a Sustainable Future*. Basic Ethics in Action Series. Upper Saddle River, New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007. ISBN-13: 978-0-13-189174-6.

2. www.EthicsGame.com: R&D module and Governance module. Sing up information will be sent via email. Cost is \$49.

3. **Prior to the first day of class**, all students are expected to have read the following three documents, which are hereby incorporated by reference within this syllabus.

Reasonable Expectations <http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/ReasonableExpectations06a.pdf>;

Critical Thinking <http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/CriticalThinking06a.pdf>; and

Memorization <http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/MemorizationTechniques06a.pdf>.

4. O'Hara. *Introduction to Legal and Economic Analysis*. 2005. http://cba.unomaha.edu/faculty/mohara/web/OHara_IL&EA_Spring_2005.pdf
5. USA Constitution. BarChart. (plastic covered four page document)

MAKE-UP WORK:

Make-up work is strongly discouraged. There are there **prerequisites** for make-up work.

1. 24 hour **prior notice** of your intended absence,¹ unless for sufficient reason (*e.g., death of an immediate family member*);

AND

2. timely, **written verification** by an impartial third party (*e.g., from the mortician, on letterhead*)

AND

3. **consent**² of Professor O'Hara.

Because there are 12 daily quizzes graded as if there only are 10 daily quizzes, there is no Make Up Work for any individual daily quiz.

DISABILITIES:

Pursuant to federal law, neither the student nor the faculty member is empowered to decide:

[1] that a student is "disabled"; nor

[2] that a reasonable accommodation is warranted; nor

[3] the specific accommodation that is the legally required as the reasonable accommodation.

To obtain these three decisions initiate contact with the Services for Students with disAbilities in EAB 117 or 554-2872, TTY 554-3799.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

Any form of academic dishonesty (*e.g., plagiarism*) may, solely in the discretion of the instructor, cause the student to earn a course grade of "F" or a grade of "F" on the fraudulent assignment.

Since ignorance of the law is no excuse, if any student does not have actual knowledge of all that is included with academic dishonesty, then that student has the burden of removing that ignorance.

¹ Some international students, as a condition for entry into the USA, are required to purchase return flight airline tickets with extreme limits on the return flight dates. A student must present such a ticket to the professor prior to the end of the second class meeting (*i.e., **September 4***) an airline ticket with a purchase date prior to the first class, and discuss with the professor any flight restrictions, or such flight restrictions can not be sufficient reason for Make-Up Work. In no way does this footnote create that implication that any such flight restriction is a sufficient reason.

² A student requesting Make-Up Work is requesting the instructor's waiver of the student's material breach of contract. However, the academic enterprise is predicated upon a degree of flexibility for reasonably accommodating external, unexpected events beyond the reasonable control of the student. Accordingly, consent will be granted for good cause shown by the student.

Ordinarily, in addition to prior notice, the student seeking waiver of the student's material breach will obtain the instructor's consent prior to the graded event.

BEE = *Business, Ethics, and the Environment: Imagining a Sustainable Future.*
 IL&EA = *Introduction to Legal and Economic Analysis.*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TASKS</u>	
Aug 28	introduction	
Sep 4	BEE 1 & 2 as well as IL&EA 1 (<i>first quiz</i>)	
Sep 11	IL&EA 2 - 4	
Sep 18	BEE 3 & 4	
Sep 25	IL&EA 5 & 6	
Oct 2	IL&EA 7	
Oct 9	IL&EA 8	
Oct 15	IL&EA 9	
<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>no classes: Fall Break</i>	
Oct 30	BEE 5	
Nov 5	BEE 6 as well as IL&EA 10	
Nov 13	BEE 7	
Nov 20	Ethics Game R&D (<i>no quiz</i>)	<i>Thanksgiving Break starts after class</i>
Nov 27	Ethics Game Governance (<i>no quiz</i>)	<i>Final Exam questions distributed</i>
Dec 4	BEE 8	
Dec 11	BEE 9 (<i>last quiz</i>)	
Dec 18	6:00 - 7:00	review
	7:00 - 8:40	Essay Final Exam