



# Course Syllabus

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NOTE: This syllabus is subject to change during the semester. Please check this syllabus on a regular basis for any updates.

**Department** : Business Administration

**Course Title** : Business Law One

**Section Name** : WB, WB9

**Start Date** : 08/22/2011

**End Date** : 12/08/2011

**Modality** : ONLINE

**Credits** : 3

## Instructor Information

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Wednesday 8:00-11:00      Friday 9:00-10:00

Tuesday and Thursday 8:00-9:30

### Course Description

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Provides information about the legal system and its impact on business operations and decisions. Learning activities provide students opportunities to acquire factual information about designated topics as well as to apply and relate that knowledge to simulated and current business situations. Topics covered include the legal environment of business, the nature and source of legal systems, law of contracts, agency, government regulation of business, and property. Ethical perspectives are integrated throughout the course.

## **Prerequisites/Corequisites**

: PASSED TASP ENGLISH, READING, AND MATHEMATICS

### **Scans**

(6, 7, 10, 11)

#### **Course Objectives**

1. To demonstrate competency in the basic nature of law and its application of that law through the legal system.
  - 1.1 \*Interpret the language of the law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 1.2 \*Explain legal theories. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 1.3 \*Compare and contrast legal and equitable remedies. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 1.4 \*Interpret International Law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 1.5 \*Relate to ethics and social responsibility. (6, 7, 10, 11)
2. To demonstrate competency in the sources and classifications of Law and be able to relate the different categories of law to their sources.
  - 2.1 \*Compare and contrast Constitutional Law--federal and state. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 2.2 \*Compare and contrast Common law--courts and procedures.(6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 2.3 \*Compare and contrast Administrative law--federal and state.(6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 2.4 \*Compare and contrast Statutory law--federal and state. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 2.5 \*Explain classifications--tort, business torts, intellectual property, criminal. (6, 7, 10, 11)
3. To demonstrate competency in the basics of contract law including formation, elements, potential problems, requirements for writing, third party rights, performance, discharge, and remedies.
  - 3.1 \*List the Nature and Classification of Contracts. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 3.2 \*Interpret Agreement and Consideration. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 3.3 \*Interpret Capacity and Legality. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 3.4 \*Interpret Assent and Form. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 3.5 \*Explain Third Party Rights and Discharge. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 3.6 \*Explain Breach and Remedies. (6, 7, 10, 11)
4. To demonstrate competency in and describe the role of law and government in the regulation of business activities.
  - 4.1 \*Justify need for government regulation. (6, 7, 10, 11)

- 4.2 \*Explain historical perspectives. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 4.3 \*Explain response to changing society. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 4.4 \*Appraise ethics and government regulations.(6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 5. To demonstrate competency in the basic purposes and significant federal legislation related to:
    - 5.1 \*Interpret Anti-trust law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 5.2 \*Interpret Consumer and Environmental law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 5.3 \*Interpret Employee and Labor law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 6. To demonstrate competency in types of property by legal definition and demonstrate an understanding of application of laws to ownership, use and disposition of the property.
    - 6.1 \*Explain Personal Property and Bailment. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 6.2 \*Define Real Property--includes Texas law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 6.3 \*Interpret Insurance, Wills and Trusts--includes Texas law. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 7. To demonstrate competency in understanding of the United States legal system/business applications as compared to the world of international business.
    - 7.1 \*Explain historical perspectives. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 7.2 \*Explain trade balance. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 7.3 \*Compare and contrast competition in the international markets vs. national market. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 7.4 \*Defend product liability. (6, 7, 10, 11)
  - 8. To demonstrate competency in ethical considerations as the law applied to various business activities and situations.
    - 8.1 \*Explain contract law--formation and defects. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 8.2 \*Describe relationship to government regulation. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 8.3 \*Define property laws. (6, 7, 10, 11)
    - 8.4 \*Evaluate basic human rights--finding a fair balance. (6, 7, 10, 11)
- In addition to the basic reading competency needed for this course, SCANS competencies 6, 7, 10, 11 are developed.
- \* Indicates integrated, core curriculum skills (Math, Reading, Technological Literacy, and/or Critical Thinking)

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## Required Readings/Materials

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- a) You must purchase the following **required** readings/materials:

Blackboard Access Key

Essentials of Business Law, Beatty and Samuelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.

- b) You are encouraged to buy the following *optional* books/materials

## Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

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A. Reading of the assigned materials.

B. Intangibles (attitude, preparation).

C. Satisfactory performance on examinations.

### PART 1

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**Topic/Overview:** This week focuses on

### Summary of Week 1 Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	
CHAPTER 1 CHAPTER 2 CHAPTER 8	READING	The Legal Environment Business Ethics and Social Responsibility International Law	09/12/11
Test one	exam	Covers Chapters 1, 2, 8	09/12/11

### PART 2

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**Topic/Overview:** This week focuses on

### Summary of Week 1 Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
Chapter 3	Reading	<i>Dispute Resolution</i>	10/10/11
Chapter 4	Reading	<i>Common Law, Statutory Law, and Administration Law</i>	10/10/11
Chapter 5	Reading	Constitutional Law	10/10/11
Chapter 6	Reading	Torts	10/10/11
Chapter 7	Reading	Crime	10/10/11
Test Two	Exam	Covers Chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	10/10/11

### PART 3

**Topic/Overview:** This week focuses on

### Summary of Week 1 Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
Chapter 9	Reading	<i>Introduction to Contracts</i>	10/31/11
Chapter 10	Reading	<i>Agreements</i>	10/31/11
Chapter 11	Reading	Consideration	10/31/11
Chapter 12	Reading	Legality	10/31/11
Test Three	Exam	Covers Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12	10/31/11

### PART 4

**Topic/Overview:** This week focuses on

### Summary of Week 1 Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
Chapter 13	Reading	<i>Capacity and Consent</i>	11/21/11
Chapter 14	Reading	<i>Written Contacts</i>	11/21/11
Chapter 15	Reading	Third Parties	11/21/11
Chapter 16	Reading	Performance and Discharge	11/21/11
Chapter 17	Reading	Remedies	11/21/11
Test Four	Exam	Covers Chapters 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	11/21/11

### PART 5

**Topic/Overview:** This week focuses on

### Summary of Week 1 Assignments & Activities

Item(Name)	Type	Description	Due
Chapter 27	Reading	<i>Agency</i>	12/5-8/11
Chapter 28	Reading	<i>Employment Law</i>	12/5-8/11
Chapter 31	Reading	Property	12/5-8/11
Final Exam	Exam	Covers Chapters 27, 28, 31	12/5-8/11

### Grading Policy

Each week, I will provide grades or scores and comments on assignments within 6 days of when they were submitted. After I send feedback each week, I will post a notification in the **Main** forum.

Late assignments receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late if assignments are not posted by 11:59 p.m. central on the day they are due. Assignments more than 5 days late will not be accepted. Technological issues will not be considered as valid grounds for late assignment submission. In the event of a server outage, students should submit assignments to the instructor.

Percentage %	Grade
90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
>59	F

### **Special Needs**

Odessa College complies with Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you have any special needs or issues pertaining to your access to and participation in this or any other class at Odessa College, please feel free to contact me to discuss your concerns. You may also call the Office of Disability services at 432-335-6861 to request assistance and accommodations.

### **Learning Resource Center (Library)**

The Library, known as the [Learning Resources Center](#), provides research assistance via the [LRC's catalog \(print books, videos, e-books\)](#) and [databases \(journal and magazine articles\)](#). [Research guides](#) covering specific subject areas, [tutorials](#), and the ["Ask a Librarian "](#) service provide additional help.

### **Student E-mail**

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>.

### **Student Portal**

Please access your [Odessa College Student E-mail](#), by following the link to either set up or update your account: <http://www.odessa.edu/gmail/>.

### **Technical Support**

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For Blackboard username and password help and for help accessing your online course availability and student email account contact the Student Success Center at 432-335-6878 or online at [https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk\\_form.htm](https://www.odessa.edu/dept/ssc/helpdesk_form.htm).

### **Important School Policies**

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For information regarding student support services, academic dishonesty, disciplinary actions, special accommodations, or students and instructors' right to academic freedom can be found in the [Odessa College Student Handbook](#).

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