

LAST REVIEW: 2009-2010 **NEXT REVIEW:** 2014-2015 **STATUS:** A

COURSE TITLE: Business Law I

COMMON COURSE NUMBER: BUL 2241

CREDIT HOURS: 3

CONTACT HOUR BREAKDOWN

CLOCK HOURS:

(Voc. Course ONLY)

Lecture: 48

Lab:

Clinic:

Other:

PREREQUISITE(S): None

COREQUISITE(S): None

PRE/COREQUISITE(S):

COURSE DESCRIPTION :

This course covers basic principles of law and their application to business problems. Topics include a discussion of legal rights and social forces; the legal relationships of government, business and society; law of contracts; personal property, bailments, sales of goods, torts, and business crimes.

General Education Requirements – Associate of Arts Degree (AA), meets Area(s): Area

General Education Requirements – Associate in Science Degree (AS), meets Area(s): Area

General Education Requirements – Associate in Applied Science Degree (AAS), meets Area(s): Area

UNIT TITLES

- 1. Introduction to Law and Business**
- 2. Contracts**
- 3. Torts**
- 4. Crimes**
- 5. Personal Property and Bailments**

EVALUATION:

Student evaluation may include, but is not limited to exams, quizzes, presentations, portfolios, discussions, class participation, attendance, projects, co-ops, practicum, internships, externships, and research reports.

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UNITS

Unit 1

General Outcome:

- 1.0 The student shall be able to identify the sources and classifications of law and discuss the relationship between law and ethics.**

Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:

- 1.1 Describe the general objectives of the law.**
- 1.2 List the various bodies which create laws.**
- 1.3 Compare and contrast the various classifications of the law.**
- 1.4 Define ethics and discuss how it impacts the law.**

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Unit 2

General Outcome:

- 2.0 The student shall be able to identify, define, and describe the principles, the elements, the creation, and interpretations of contracts; how a contract may be discharged, and the remedies available for breach of a contract.**

Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:

- 2.1 List and describe the elements of a contract.**
- 2.2 Explain what constitutes a valid offer and acceptance.**
- 2.3 Identify the requirements for valid consideration.**
- 2.4 Explain special rules regarding the competency of parties to a contract.**
- 2.5 Explain how mistake, pressure, and coercion affect the enforceability of a contract.**
- 2.6 List contracts that fall under the Statute of Frauds.**
- 2.7 Discuss the concept of breach and the resulting possible remedies.**
- 2.8 Discuss special rules pertaining to goods under the Uniform Commercial Code.**

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Unit 3

General Outcome:

- 3.0 The student shall be able to distinguish the elements and defenses for intentional torts, negligence, and strict liability.**

Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:

- 3.1 Describe the law of torts and distinguish torts from contracts and crimes.**
- 3.2 Discuss the intentional torts and the requirements of each.**
- 3.3 Discuss the elements and defenses associated with the tort of negligence.**
- 3.4 Explain the concept of strict liability.**

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Unit 4

General Outcome:

- 4.0 The student shall be able to identify the classes of crimes including those pertaining to white collar and computer offenses.**

Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:

- 4.1 Define the classifications of crimes.**
- 4.2 Explain how the U. S. Constitution impacts business practices.**
- 4.3 Define and give examples of white collar crimes.**
- 4.4 Describe computer crimes that pertain to business law.**

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Unit 5

General Outcome:

- 5.0 The student shall be able to identify, define, and describe personal property, what it consists of, the rights of parties having title, how title may be acquired and held, and the obligation and duties of parties thereto. In addition, the students shall be able to identify, define, and describe the rights, duties and remedies of parties to special and ordinary bailments.**

Specific Measurable Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this unit, the student shall be able to:

- 5.1 Identify and describe the nature of personal property.**
- 5.2 List the various methods personal property may be acquired.**
- 5.3 Explain how ownership of personal property may be transferred.**
- 5.4 Discuss how property may be titled when there is more than one owner involved.**
- 5.5 Explain the characteristics of a bailment.**
- 5.6 Identify the types of property subject to a bailment.**
- 5.7 Distinguish between bailments and other transactions.**
- 5.8 Describe the characteristics of special types of bailments and the types of obligations that may be created.**