



BLAW 023: U.S. Business Law

General Information:

Term: 2020 Summer Session

Instructor: Staff

Language of Instruction: English

Classroom: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Class Sessions Per Week: 5

Total Weeks: 5

Total Class Sessions: 25

Class Session Length (minutes): 120

Credit Hours: 4

Course Description:

This course offers an introduction to various legal issues in the business environment. The course aims to equip students with the knowledge of these topics: business torts, negligence and strict liability, contracts, agency, business organizations, property, copyright, constitutional law, liabilities of employment, administrative regulation, consumer protection, environmental law, and international law. This course is designed to help students understand legal analysis and gain a comprehensive knowledge of the application of law in the American business environment.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand sources of law and torts and the fundamentals of the court system.
- Acquire the basic knowledge of contracts.
- Recognize legal problems.
- Recall the features of different business laws.



- Develop the ability to analyze complex business situations, and identify relevant Business Law issues.

Course Format and Requirements:

Class time will be used for a combination of lectures, class discussions, and student presentations.

Attendance

Attendance at lectures is vital to get a thorough understanding of the material. This course requires verbal participation in class exercises, activities, and contributions to class discussions. Students must be present and actively involved to receive these points.

Course Materials:

1. Textbook (Select one from the following two):

The Legal Environment of Business, Meiners, Ringleb, and Edwards, 13th Edition

The Legal Environment of Business, Cross, 10th Edition

2. Additional Readings

Business Law, James F. Morgan, 5th Edition

Course Assignments:

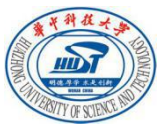
Quizzes

Quizzes will usually consist of True-False, multiple choices and short answer essay questions, mainly based on the previous lectures. 6 quizzes will be given and the lowest will be dropped.

Project

INDIVIDUAL COURSE PROJECT will require researching and developing a response using materials assigned by the instructor. This project will have a 2,500 word minimum, written in the appropriate style (APA) with full citations and reference listing. Final deliverables include a final paper and a 10 minute Presentation.

Exams



Two midterms and a final will be given. They may not be taken early, made-up, or turned in late. Students must comply with all applicable instructions to receive credit. The Exams will include discussion questions and case problems. During the exams, each student must work individually without consulting others.

Course Assessment:

Attendance	5%
Quizzes	10%
Project	15%
Midterm Exams 1	15%
Midterm Exams 2	15%
Final Exam	25%
Total	100%

Grading Scale (percentage):

A+: 98%-100%

A: 93%-97%

A-: 90%-92%

B+: 88%-89%

B: 83%-87%

B-: 80%-82%

C+: 78%-79%

C: 73%-77%

C-: 70%-72%

D+: 68%-69%

D: 63%-67%

D-: 60%-62%

F: Below 60%

Course Schedule:



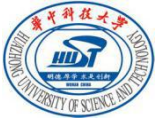
Week	Topics	Activities
1	Course Overview Go through syllabus Introduction to Law and Legal Reasoning Business Ethics The Court Systems Civil Dispute Resolution Constitutional Grounds for Regulating Business	Quiz 1 Discussion Questions
2	Administrative Law Criminal Law and Business Intentional Torts Negligence and Strict Liability Contracts Mutual Assent Conduct Invalidating Assent	Quiz 2 & 3 Discussion Questions Midterm Exam 1
3	Consideration Illegal Bargains Contractual Capacity Performance, Breach, and Discharge Remedies	Quiz 4 Discussion Questions Midterm Exam 2



	Introduction to Sales Performance Transfer of Title Risk of Loss Product Liability	
4	Form and Content of Negotiable Instruments Holder in Due Course Characteristics of Negotiable Instruments Personal Property Intellectual Property Real Property	Quiz 5 Discussion Questions Final Paper Presentation
5	Agency Employment and Labor Law Forms of Business Organizations and Partnerships Consumer Protection Environment Law	Quiz 6 Discussion Questions Final Exam

Academic Integrity:

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.



Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Huazhong University of Science & Technology's *Academic Conduct Code*. Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

Special Needs or Assistance:

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.