

**BUSINESS LAW 280
COURSE INFORMATION AND SYLLABUS
Fall 2009**

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To provide students with a background in American jurisprudence, the civil and criminal court systems, and a working familiarity with the law of Torts and Contracts. Students will be taught analytical reasoning skills through classroom discussion of legal principles and the briefing of court cases. The ability to think, speak, and write clearly and critically will be emphasized.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

There will one mid-term, one graded take-home assignment, and a final examination, each of which is worth 30% of the final grade. The remaining 10% of the grade will be based on attendance, completed weekly case briefings, and class participation. All students should be prepared to discuss the assigned cases. The examinations will consist of written essay questions requiring students to spot relevant issues, apply legal reasoning and rules, and to argue their positions persuasively. There also will be short answer and true/false questions. Plus/minus course grades will be given. By Department mandate cheating will result in a failing grade and referral of the student to the Dean of Student Affairs.

Reading assignments will be from Business Law: Ethical, Global, and E-Commerce Environment, 14th Edition (by Mallor, et. al.) The book is available at the bookstore and online at <https://ebooks.primisonline.com/eBookstore/customEBooks.jsp>.

NOTE ON CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE:

Absent students are responsible for all lecture material and should get notes from another student. Class begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Tardy entrance to the classroom is disruptive and therefore will not be permitted. Students who arrive after the classroom door is closed at 7:00 p.m. should remain outside until the scheduled breaks (at approximately 7:50 and 8:50) and check in with me to receive credit for his/her attendance.

SYLLABUS

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>TEXT</u>
Class 1	I. INTRODUCTION TO THE LEGAL SYSTEM	Ch. 1,2
Class 2	II. CORPORATIONS AND CRIMINAL LAW	Ch. 4,5
Class 3	III. THE LAW OF TORTS	
	A. Intentional Torts	Ch. 6
Class 4	B. Negligence/Strict Liability	Ch. 7
Class 5	C. Business Torts	Ch. 8
Class 6	MID-TERM/REVIEW	
Class 7	IV. THE LAW OF CONTRACTS	
	A. Introduction	Ch. 9
	B. Contract Elements	
	1. Offer	Ch. 10
Class 8	2. Acceptance	Ch. 11
	3. Consideration	Ch. 12
Class 9	C. The Reality of Consent	Ch. 13
Class 10	D. The Capacity to Contract	Ch. 14
Class 11	E. Illegality	Ch. 15
Class 12	F. The Writing Requirement	Ch. 16
	1. Statute of Frauds	
	2. Parol Evidence Rule	
Class 13	G. Third Party Rights	Ch. 17
Class 14	H. Performance and Remedies	Ch. 18
December 17	FINAL EXAMINATION	

BRIEFING ASSIGNMENTS

Class	Cases
One	No cases assigned
Two	Kyllo v. U.S.
Three	Stoshak v. East Baton Rouge Pope v. Rostraver
Four	Black v. William Insulation Philips v. Dupont
Five	Louis Vuitton v. Haute Diggity Dog North Atlantic v. Haber
Six	Midterm
Seven	Meram v. McDonald
Eight	Gottlieb v. Tropicana Okosa v. Hall
Nine	Estate of Nelson v. Rice Cabot v. AVX
Ten	Dodson v. Shrader Young v. Weaver
Eleven	McCune v. Myrtle Beach Coma v. Kansas
Twelve	Schaadt v. St. Jude Carrow v. Arnold
Thirteen	Locke v. Ozark
Fourteen	East Capitol View v. Robinson Furst v. Einstein