OBJECTIVES: This course is designed as an introduction to the law as it applies to the business and commercial environment. Students will be introduced to the language of the law as well as the application of legal theory to the reality of commercial transactions and business organizations.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: All students are expected to attend class and participate in class discussion. Failure to attend class on three or more occasions for any purpose automatically disqualifies the student from the possibility of receiving the highest participation grade.

WITHDRAWAL AND PLAGIARISM: The rules of the college as they apply to withdrawal from the course and plagiarism will be strictly followed. Students are encouraged to consult the college handbook for details of these policies.

METHOD OF EVALUATION: Three exams will be given. Exams are non-comulative. In addition to the exams, class members will be given the option to prepare an extra-credit paper on a topic related to the course material and approved by the instructor. Grades will be based on exams, the paper and participation according to the following scale:

80% Exams
20% Class Participation

Make-up exams will not be given unless the student can prove serious illness resulting in hospitalization or death in their immediate family. The burden of proof is on the student to demonstrate the above. Minor illnesses, fatigue, vacation plans, death of pets, and distant relatives are not excuses unless the Dean of the College permits dismissal for these reasons.


Schedule of Assignments

01/11 Introduction to the Legal Process, Chapters 1-9
01/18 Contracts, Chapters 10, 11
01/25 Chapters 12, 13
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02/22 Agency, Chapters 31, 32
03/01 Business Organizations, Chapter 33
03/08 Spring Break – No Class
03/15 Partnerships, Chapter 33
03/22 Limited Liability Companies, Chapter 38
03/29 Exam #2
04/05 Corporations, Chapters 34, 35
04/12 Chapter 36
04/19 Chapter 37
04/26 E-Commerce and Cyber Law, Chapter 9