COURSE DESCRIPTION

1. A working knowledge of legal terms, advanced legal concepts and ethics.
2. Analysis of contemporary ethical and business legal issues.
3. Understanding of principles and concepts critical to success on the CPA Examination.
4. An appreciation of the importance of ethics in business.

COURSE MATERIALS

TEXT: Business Law, 8th Edition
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126931663X -CourseConnect eCollege with e-text for Business Law (Text with CourseConnect access) Prior editions or alternate versions are NOT acceptable!

CLASS ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION

Examination and Grading Procedures:

Examinations:
Mid-term exams will be scheduled as close to the halfway mark of the class as possible. Final examinations will be given during the last week of the term.

No make-up exams are given for missed midterms. If you miss the exam, you will get a “0” for the test. No exceptions.

Make-up examinations for the final are a matter of discretion, not a matter of right. They will be given only in the most compelling circumstances, only in full compliance with University policy, and must be
arranged in advance of the test date where appropriate. If you miss an exam without prior notice to me, you must contact me by email within 24 hours. **No exceptions.**

No make-up final exam is given for medical reasons without a physician’s note or other valid, written excuse.

Failure to follow these instructions means a failing grade (“0”) on the exam.

No aspects of grades/grading will be discussed by email – it must be done in person. Any inquiries or reviews of exams must take place within two weeks of the administration of the exam, by appointment, during office hours.

**Please take special note of the fact that I take academic integrity violations very seriously.**

The following constitute violations of the University Academic Integrity Policy:

- Copying on any examinations;
- Acting to facilitate copying during an examination;
- Collaborating before or after an exam to develop methods of exchanging information and implementation thereof;
- Acquiring or distributing an examination from unauthorized sources prior or subsequent to the examination;
- Having a substitute take an exam or taking an exam for someone else;

The penalty for violations is a failing grade for the course and a minimum one semester suspension from the University.

The penalty for a Level Four Violation is permanent expulsion from the university.

Any violations of the Academic Integrity Policy before, during or after an examination will be prosecuted to the maximum extent possible.
FINAL GRADE ASSIGNMENT

Grading:

Grades will be based upon the *average* score of two examinations, consisting of the mid-term and a final examination, coupled with credit for active, meaningful participation in discussion threads, online discussions (chat sessions) and successful completion of chapter quizzes. Each exam will be worth a maximum of 100 points, and shall count for 40% of the final course grade. The remaining 20% of your grade will be for participation in online discussions and quizzes. To obtain the full 20% credit for participation and quizzes, you must contribute meaningfully to EVERY discussion thread, participate in all online discussion (chat) sessions, and must past EVERY quiz with a minimum score of 70. The maximum final point score for the course shall be 100 points.

MID-TERM EXAM 40%
FINAL EXAM 40%
PARTICIPATION AND QUIZZES 20%

Letter grades are assigned as follows:

90-100 = A
85-89.99 = B+
80-84.99 = B
75-79.99 = C+
70-74.99 = C
60-69.99 = D
59.99 And below = F

Under no circumstances will the grades be curved or adjusted in any manner.

Your final grade will be based solely upon exam results and discussion participation. **There will be absolutely no exceptions to the grading policy under any circumstances.** You will receive the grade that you earn.
COURSE SCHEDULE

Week 1: (1/20-1/25)

CHAPTER 9  NATURE OF TRADITIONAL AND E-CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 10  AGREEMENT

Week 2: (1/26-2/1)

CHAPTER 11  CONSIDERATION AND PROMISSORY ESTOPPEL

CHAPTER 12  CAPACITY AND LEGALITY

Week 3: (2/2-2/8)

CHAPTER 13  GENUINENESS OF ASSENT AND UNDUE INFLUENCE

CHAPTER 14  STATUTE OF FRAUDS & EQUITABLE EXCEPTIONS

Week 4: (2/9-2/15)

CHAPTER 15  THIRD PARTY RIGHTS AND DISCHARGE

CHAPTER 16  REMEDIES FOR BREACH OF CONTRACTS

Week 5: (2/16-2/22)

CHAPTER 18  FORMATION OF SALES AND LEASE CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 19  TITLE TO GOODS AND RISK OF LOSS

Week 6: (2/23-3/1)

CHAPTER 20  REMEDIES FOR Breach OF SALES AND LEASE CONTRACTS

CHAPTER 22  CREATION OF NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS
Week 7: (3/2-3/8)

CHAPTER 23  HOLDER IN DUE COURSE AND TRANSFERABILITY

MID TERM EXAMINATION

Week 8: (3/9-3/15)

CHAPTER 24  LIABILITY, DEFENSES, AND DISCHARGE

CHAPTER 28  BANKRUPTCY AND REORGANIZATION

Week 9: (3/23-3/29)

CHAPTER 29  AGENCY FORMATION AND TERMINATION

CHAPTER 30  LIABILITY OF PRINCIPALS, AGENTS AND OTHERS

Week 10: (3/30-4/5)

CHAPTER 34  SMALL BUSINESSES AND PARTNERSHIPS

CHAPTER 35  LIMITED AND SPECIAL PARTNERSHIPS

Week 11: (4/6-4/12)

CHAPTER 36  CORPORATE FORMATION AND FINANCING

CHAPTER 37  CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND SARB-OX

Week 12: (4/13-4/19)

CHAPTER 38  CORPORATE ACQUISITIONS AND MULTINATIONALS

CHAPTER 39  LLC’S AND LLP’s

Week 13: (4/20-4/26)

CHAPTER 41  INVESTOR PROTECTION, E-SECURITIES AND WALL STREET REFORM

CHAPTER 42  ETHICS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BUSINESS

Week 14: (4/27-5/3)

CHAPTER 51  ACCOUNTANT’S DUTIES AND LIABILITY

FINAL EXAMINATION
IMPORTANT: Emails sent to me that do not contain class information (including Section) in the subject line are automatically deleted without being read! Note further that I will not respond to emails seeking information about details of the course that are set forth clearly in the instructions in this syllabus, on the University website, or in other course materials. You are expected to READ AND UNDERSTAND this information in advance of the start of the course.

NOTE:

RECORDING OF LECTURES IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED!

Students may NOT use any audio or video devices to record lectures or online discussions.

Students with special needs who wish to use recording devices must present a signed Letter of Accommodation from the Office of Disability Services. Nonetheless, permission to use any recording device will remain at the sole and final discretion of the Instructor.

If permitted, such recordings are to be used solely for the purposes of individual study by students enrolled in this class. They may not be reproduced, shared with those not in the class, or uploaded to publicly accessible web environments.

Rutgers University welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, a student with a disability must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation: https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines. If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus's disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at: https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form.

Students found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action under the University’s Code of Student Conduct.

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This course, lectures, presentation, and other content are not intended to, nor do they constitute, legal advice in any manner or of any sort. It is incumbent upon any student with specific legal questions or concerns to obtain independent legal advice to ascertain their individual situation and to determine the application of the topics and laws discussed to their own situation.

SUPPORT SERVICES

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If you are in need of mental health services, please use our readily available services.

Rutgers University-Newark Counseling Center: [http://counseling.newark.rutgers.edu/](http://counseling.newark.rutgers.edu/)
Rutgers Counseling and Psychological Services – New Brunswick: [http://rhscaps.rutgers.edu/](http://rhscaps.rutgers.edu/)

If you are in need of physical health services, please use our readily available services.
Rutgers Health Services – Newark: [http://health.newark.rutgers.edu/](http://health.newark.rutgers.edu/)
Rutgers Health Services – New Brunswick: [http://health.rutgers.edu/](http://health.rutgers.edu/)

If you are in need of legal services, please use our readily available services: [http://rusls.rutgers.edu/](http://rusls.rutgers.edu/)

If you are in need of additional academic assistance, please use our readily available services.

Rutgers University-Newark Learning Center: [http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/rlc](http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/rlc)
Rutgers University-Newark Writing Center: [http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/writingcenter](http://www.ncas.rutgers.edu/writingcenter)
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