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 Spring 2017
 Bellevue College Business Transfer Program
 Section C :: M, W 5:30 - 7:40 pm, C-208
 Office Hours @ 5 pm before each lecture, room C-208.

BUS 201 SYLLABUS

TEXTBOOK:

Cross & Miller. *The Legal Environment of Business: Text and Cases*, 8th edition South-Western/Cengage Learning.

COURSE OBJECTIVE: To provide an overview of law in the business environment and to develop an appreciation of the language and concepts which mandate contract law. The course will focus on the regulatory framework within which business transactions are handled. This will include the cases and laws, which govern the creation of most contracts and the resolution of disputes when contracts are breached as well as other elemental legal concepts and theories.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES: Lecture, class discussion, Q&A, fact pattern scenarios, and group activities may be employed. You are responsible for all the topics, which are covered in class, as well as, reading and other assignments. Critical thinking will be required in order to perform well in class.

CONTACTING THE INSTRUCTOR: The instructor may be contacted through Canvas' Inbox. I cannot guarantee a timely reply if you contact me through my BC email.

CHAPTERS TO BE COVERED (COURSE OUTLINE)

Week 1 :: week of 4/3/2017

Chs 1, 2 - Intro into Business and Legal Environment, The Court System

Week 2 :: week of 4/10/2017

Ch 5 - Constitutional Law

COURT VISIT CONSENT FORM DUE

COMPLETE LMC TUTORIAL FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

Week 3 :: week of 4/17/2017

Chs 3, 6 - ADR and Administrative Law

Week 4 :: week of 4/24/2017

Chs 17-19 - The Business Environment

Chapters 17 (pp. 380-5; 388-392; 394-398); Chapter 18 (p. 403; pp. 404-5; 407-12; 413-414);
Chapter 19 (pp. 417-25; 426-8; 429-34; 436-441)
MIDTERM STUDY GUIDE RELEASED

Week 5 :: week of 5/1/2017

Chs 4, 29 - Ethics and Corporate Governance
MIDTERM

Week 6 :: week of 5/8/2017

Chs 12, 13 - Torts and Strict/Product Liability

Week 7 :: week of 5/15/2017

Chs 9, 10 - Contracts

Week 8 :: week of 5/22/2017

Ch 11 - Sales, Leases
RESEARCH PROJECT CLASS PRESENTATIONS

Week 9 :: week of 5/29/2017 (HOLIDAY ON 5/29)

Chs 7, 14 - Criminal Law & Cyber Crime
COURT VISIT DEADLINE

Week 10 :: week of 6/5/2017

Ch 14 - IP & Internet Law
RESEARCH PROJECT ESSAY DUE

Week 11 :: week of 6/12/2017

Chs 21, 22 - Employment Law and Employment Discrimination
FINAL EXAM

PREPAREDNESS FOR CLASS (CLASS PARTICIPATION):

You will be assigned chapters to read to prepare for class lectures, and discussions. I may call on you nevertheless and ask you questions.

ATTENDANCE:

Class attendance and participation is relevant and expected. You are expected to come to class on-time and be present for the entire class session. If you miss class, it is your responsibility to obtain any and all information that was distributed by contacting a classmate.

GRADING

COURSE GRADING

- Extra Credit (10 points)
- Court Visit (30 points)
- Research Project (Total of 130 points)
 - *Research Project: LMC Tutorial (10 points)*
 - *Research Project: Oral Presentation (20 points)*
 - *Research Project: Written Presentation (50 points)*
 - *Research Project: Essay (50 points)*
- Exam: Mid-term (50 points)
- Exam: Final (50 points)

GRADING SCALE

- A 93-100; A- 90-92;
- B+ 87-89; B 83-86; B- 80-82;
- C+ 77-79; C 73-76; C- 70-72;
- D+ 67-69; D 60-66;
- F 0-59.

Grades are final upon recording in the absence of a mathematical error. Grades are not negotiable. Grades will be posted on Canvas. Please check your grades regularly.

QUIZ:

There will be a short quiz on the expectations of the course the first week of the course, the quiz is worth 10 points.

ONSITE COURT VISIT:

You will submit an informal paper describing your visit to a series of court proceedings. The instructor will distribute detailed guidelines on Canvas.

EXAMS:

There are two exams: 1) a mid-term exam (50 points) and 2) a final exam (50 points). Each exam consists of 1) multiple choice portion and an essay portion with point distribution for each portion being roughly equal. We will have both 1) a study guide and a possible practice exam several days before the exams.

Make-Up Exams:

An exception may be made for documented emergencies, you must contact me as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made to take the test. Remember make-up tests are at my discretion and will only be given with documentation substantiating an emergency.

PROJECT (RESEARCH ESSAY):

You will be required to research a law that relates to the legal implications related to business scenarios covered in the chapters listed above for the quarter. For example, product liability, employment discrimination, international law, etc. You may also research any aspect of internal law i.e. human rights issues; intellectual property issues, etc. Once you select one of the subtopic research areas above begin conducting research about that topic. In doing research you can analyze a case or discuss a business law related to the topics listed above. In order to complete this paper you may have to conduct research in a law library or an internet related legal research site. Your references must also appear in the body of the paper where they are appropriate, whether you are quoting directly or indirectly from the source. Therefore, almost all of your paper should be referenced or footnoted. And complete the LMC Tutorial.

For your research, if you use a regular printed document, be sure to include the title, the author, the pages, the date and the publisher in your reference. Equally, if you are using the internet, be sure the complete internet address is given on your reference page. I will check the internet references, and if I cannot pull them up on my computer to see where your work came from, the reference will not count, and points will be deducted from your paper. If no references appear in your paper, it will be considered as plagiarized and a "0" will be assigned to your paper. Your grade will be based not only on the content of the analysis but also on the writing itself. Diction, style, grammar, spelling and organization are key elements in this assignment. Write simply and clearly. Prepare a cover page.

For this on-site course, *no electronic submission of any kind will be accepted*. The only acceptable submission method is in paper copy. No exceptions.

I will not grade partial assignments. I will grade only what you submit in its entirety, i.e., the assignment must be complete at the time of submission. You may not submit it in separate pieces.

Without prior announcement or notice, any written assignment may be reviewed via Vericite, an anti-plagiarism application; and academic honesty guidelines may come into play at the instructor's sole discretion.

Additional, specific guidelines concerning assignment submissions may be distributed.

Late Projects:

I will not accept late projects. For this reason, you are put on notice in the beginning of the quarter about the project milestones and key due dates. If for some reason, you have an extenuating circumstance and you cannot submit the project on the due date, you must contact me no later than 48-72 hours before the due date and advise me that you cannot turn the required assignments related to the research project on the due date. An extenuating circumstance is defined as an unexpected serious medical

emergency, which is substantiated through medical documentation; or serious illness or death of a family member.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

PENALTIES:

Penalty for first violation: 0 on the assignment without possibility of makeup on that assignment. Depending on the severity of the act of the academic dishonesty, additional course and/or College policies pertaining to academic dishonesty may also take place.

In addition, at the instructor's discretion and whether or not it is a first offense, the instructor may refer the incident to appropriate channels and/or take additional steps, which may result in one or more of the following: 1) suspension 2) expulsion 3) an academic "hold" on your record, preventing you from enrolling in future terms 5) failing grade and/or 6) permanent notation on the student's academic transcripts. There may be additional penalties on a case-by-case basis. ***Do not risk your academic and professional career by cheating.***

DEFINITION OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

All academic assignments are to be the work of the individual student. The following are some examples of dishonesty or unethical behavior:*

Using another person's words, ideas, or results without giving proper credit to that person; giving the impression that it is the student's own work.

Any form of cheating on examinations.

Altering academic or clinical records.

Falsifying information for any assignments.

Partly or wholly completing an assignment(s) partially or wholly completed by another person or source.

Copying work or written text from a student, the internet, or any document without giving due credit to the source and/or over reliance on direct quotations in any written work and/or any other form of writing submitted with little evidence of originality.

*The above is not a complete list; any act of dishonesty may result in pursuit of additional course and/or College policies.

MISCELLANEOUS

This course syllabus is subject to change due to time constraints, policy changes, or for any other reason that may be to all the students' benefit (in the professional judgement of the instructor).

Retain a copy of all of the work which you submit.

The professor reserves the right to make changes or modifications to this syllabus as may be deemed necessary and proper.

INCOMPLETE, HARDSHIP WITHDRAWALS, MEDICAL WITHDRAWALS:

There is no eligibility for a grade of Incomplete unless you have finished at least 90% of all course work up to the time that you make the request. The request must be in writing and have your name, course name/number, and a detailed explanation concerning why you will not be able to finish the remaining work. You must make the request no later than Friday of **Week 9**. The instructor retains sole discretion, however, and will grant requests only on a case-by-case basis and with appropriate documentation.

There must be a legitimate "emergency" before the instructor may, at her/his sole discretion, agree to grant a request for an Incomplete. However, there must be ample, written, documented proof of the emergency. You must attach the documentation to your written request for the Incomplete (see the section above about acceptable documentation for makeup requests). All supporting documentation must explicitly identify the date(s) of the "emergency"; if there are no dates and/or the date(s) do not match the date(s) of the "emergency," no exception may be granted.

Hardship and Medical Withdrawals are granted only in exceptional circumstances. In addition to other syllabus policies, there may be other requirements including, at a minimum, supporting, official documentation. *However, there are no guarantees, and the instructor retains discretion about the grant of such withdrawals.*