



United States Legal Environment of Business

Course Number:	LAW 291	Term:	Summer, 2021
Instructor:	TBA	Email:	
Contract Hours:	48	Meeting Times:	TBA
Credits:	3.0		

Course Description:

Legal Environment of Business is a course designed to acquaint university students with the major concepts, ideas, movements, and figures in United States Business Law. This course examines the most important legal, policy, and ethical principles relevant to business in today's environment.

Our classroom sessions will be highly interactive and engaging, with every student actively participating in the analysis, criticism, assessment, and understanding of the primary aspects of Business Law. The goal is to furnish students with the information and analytical tools necessary to grasp the legal, ethical, and policy-based considerations important to contemporary business.

We will cover the fundamental structure and function of the United States legal system, including the various federal courts and the typical state court systems. We will examine Alternative Dispute Resolution in all its forms. The course will cover the basics of torts, contracts, intellectual property, "white collar" crimes, agency, environmental, equal opportunity and treatment, workplace safety, and business organizations law.

Throughout the course, we will look for interconnections and relationships between and among these diverse components that together form the legal environment of business. Emphasis will be on case studies and practical, contemporary issues of significance in today's business climate.

Learning Objectives:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be prepared to:

1. Analyze foundational concepts of U.S. legal systems
2. Define basic schools of thought used in legal analysis
3. Evaluate ideas, assumptions, theoretical perspectives, and approaches relating to business law
4. Apply legal, policy, and ethical concepts to contemporary business issues

Required Textbook and Course Materials:

There is no textbook but there will required readings.

Language of Instruction:

This course is taught entirely in English, including lectures, homework, assignments and examinations. Teaching assistants will be fluent in both English and Mandarin.

Course Prerequisites:

None

University Policies

Class Format

In Person. Course activities, discussions, assignments and resources will be made available at the start of and during the course

Attendance, Participation and Deliverables

Courses are very intensive and in order to be successful, students need to attend every class. Attendance is required for all lectures and class activities. Class participation is expected from every student and form a significant portion of the final course grade.

All course deliverables (homework assignments and tests) are due on time as assigned. This course includes *no* make-ups, postponements or additional assignments, except for verified

medical emergencies. If you miss an exam/assignment due to a non-sanctioned absence, your score on that exam/assignment will be zero.

Academic Dishonesty

All cases of academic dishonesty will be diligently pursued. Academic dishonesty includes representing the work of another as one's own work or cheating by any means. Academic dishonesty also includes aiding, abetting, concealing or attempting such activity. The penalty is automatic failure of the course and possible suspension from the university.

Grading Scale

Student grades will be determined using the following grading scale:

Grading Scale (%)			
97 - 100	A+	77 - 79	C+
93 - 96	A	73 - 76	C
90 - 92	A-	70 - 72	C-
87 - 89	B+	67 - 69	D+
83 - 86	B	63 - 66	D
80 - 82	B-	60 - 62	D-
		0 - 59	F

Professor- and Course-Specific Policies (*Tentative*)

Homework

Assignments will be listed at the beginning of the course. The purpose is to prepare you for the exams. The homework is a very important part of the course. No matter how well you think you understand the material presented in class, you won't really learn it until you do the homework.

Exams

No make-ups will be given after the exam. The use of the textbook or any other written reference is not allowed during the exams. The purpose of the exams is to test your understanding of key concepts from the course lectures and materials

Course Schedule (*Tentative*)

Module	Topics
1	American Law, Legal Reasoning, and the Legal System Disputes and Dispute Settlement
2	Business and the United States Constitution Criminal Liability The Tort System
3	Contract Law Sales Contracts
4	Employment and Labor Law Government Regulation Antitrust Law Unfair Trade Practices and the Federal Trade Commission
5	International Law Securities Regulation Business Ethics Corporate Social Responsibility Final Exam