REEDLEY COLLEGE

BA 18 BUSINESS AND THE LEGAL ENVIROMENT # 51841

Spring 2010 TTH 9:00-10:50am ROOM: BUS 42

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: Business Law: The Ethical, Global, and E-Commerce

Environment. 14th ed. Mallor, Barnes, Bowers, Langvardt. McGraw-Hill

BASIC SKILLS ADVISORIES: Eligibility for English 125 and 126 (A, CSU, UC)

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This business law course will cover the following topical areas: sources of law, ethics in law, criminal law, tort law, contract law, agency, business structures, and international law with the major emphasis on contracts. This course requires case study discussions and written briefs.

COURSE OUTCOMES: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to: identify the proper court in a legal controversy, demonstrate understanding of legal terminology and theory through class discussion of specific cases, prepare a brief based on fact patters given, evaluate a contract for loopholes, and compare alternative methods of dispute resolution.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: In the process of completing this course, students will: match legal terms to definitions, distinguish between civil and criminal law, recall specific torts and elements, recall specific crimes and elements, discuss types of contracts, requirements, and exceptions, and determine proper jurisdiction of court.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class period. Regular attendance is expected. Business Law is a cumulative discipline. This means if you do not attend class on Tuesday, you will likely not understand the material presented on Thursday. You are responsible for all material presented which you miss. Moreover, the attached schedule is tentative and events beyond my control may require me to modify it. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with schedule changes. These changes will be announced in class. There will be NO MAKE-UP TESTS, ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, ETC. unless there has been A MAJOR CATASTROPHY OR YOU ARE PART OF A SCHOOL FUNCTION and only if the instructor is notified IN ADVANCE.

Class activities and participation are mandatory. It is expected that you will do the reading before class and be prepared to discuss the chapter during class. A student with

more than FIVE ABSENCES may be dropped from the course. If you are habitually tardy or leave class early, your participation grade will be affected.

EXAMS: There will be a minimum of 4 examinations including a Final examination. ALL EXAMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Exams will consist of any or all of the following question types: multiple choice, short answer, true/false, fill-in the blank, and essay. The dates for the exams prior to the final exam are not predetermined. I will notify the class at least 1 week in advance prior to a midterm examination.

WRITTEN REPORTS: There will be four to five short reports (2-3 pages). Please see details under Written Assignments.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS, QUIZZES, AND CLASS PRESENTATION/ANALYSIS: There will be a minimum of 15 homework assignments, quizzes, and/or group projects. SOME OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ANANNOUNCED.

GRADING: The total number of points you accumulate over the semester will determine your grade. The total possible points are:

Exam 1	= 100 points
Exam 2	= 100 points
Exam 3	= 100 points
Exam 4	= 100 points
Final Exam	= 200 points
4-5 Written Reports x 40	= 160-200 points
15 Assignments/ Quizzes, etc x 10-15	= 150-225 points
Attendance and Class Contribution	= 100 points

1,010-1,125 TOTAL POSSIBLE

A = 90% or better of possible points B = 80% or better of possible points C= 70% or better of possible points D= 60% or better of possible points F= Less than 60% of possible points

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS-TBA: The general objectives of the writing assignments are to encourage you to think and communicate clearly in writing and to express business law thoughts clearly, coherently, concisely and sensibly. You will be required to apply concepts that you have learned in class to real world situations.

For your papers to be graded, THEY MUST BE TYPED AND DOUBLE SPACED USING TIMES NEW ROMAN 12 FONT WITH 1 INCH MARGINS AND IT MUST

BE HANDED IN ON TIME. Well-written papers include focus, logic, organization, and ideas that are well developed and supported. They are grammatically correct with proper punctuation and spelling. Poorly written assignments will be marked "unacceptable" and will be returned to you without credit.

Emphasis is on your thought process and your ability to convey these thoughts clearly. Well-written papers are most often achieved only after a great deal of editing and revision. Grades will reflect the quality of both the content and the presentation of your writing. Choose appropriate topics that interest you. Contact me well in advance of the deadline if you are not sure of the appropriateness of your topic.

All written assignments must include the following information on a COVER SHEET: Name of Instructor, Course Name and Code, Title of Paper, Student Name, Student Number, and Due Date.

Please site your references using APA or MLA Citation Style.

DROP POLICY: If you decide to drop this course, **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FILLING OUT ALL OF THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK**. For more details on dropping a class, please refer to the admissions and records office, the Reedley College catalogue or the Reedley College Class Schedule. The final drop date for full term Spring 2010 classes is March 12.

CONDUCT: PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. IF YOU ARE SUSPECTED OF PLAGIARIZING OR CHEATING, YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO FOR THE RESPECTIVE ASSIGNMENT, EXAM, ETC. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE YOU WILL FAIL THE COURSE.

CLASS DISRUPTIONS: No food or drink in the classroom. If you have pagers, cell phones, etc. please turn them off unless there is a verifiable reason that necessitates otherwise. A ringing cell phone or pager will negatively affect your participation points and may initiate a pop quiz or additional assignment for the entire class.

APPAREL: If you are wearing any headgear or sunglasses, please take them off.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation, or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE; SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PART 1 Foundations of American Law

Chapters 1, 2, 3

EXAM 1

PART 2 Torts

Chapters 6, 7, 8

EXAM 2

PART 3 Contracts

Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18

EXAM 3

PART 4 Sales: The Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)

Chapters 19, 20, 21, 22

EXAM 4

PART 5 Ethics

Chapters 4, 5, 46

EXAM 5

MAY 20, 2010 FINAL EXAM 9-10:50AM

THIS SYLLABUS AND THE ACTIVITIES FOR THE COURSE ARE SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS THE INSTRUCTOR DEEMS NECESSARY.

I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ THE ABOVE SYLLABUS AND TO ASK QUESTIONS CONCERNING ITS CONTENTS BY WAY OF EXPLANATION AND CLARIFICATION.	
STUDENT SIGNATURE	STUDENT NAME PRINTED
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