Nashville State Community College
Business and Applied Arts Division
Business

Master Course Syllabus
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BUSN 2370 Legal Environment of Business
3 Credits
3 Class Hours

An introduction to the legal rights and liabilities of businesses. Topics include the legal environment of business; development and nature of the legal system; types of business organization and ownership; torts; contracts; product liability; agency; intellectual property; consumer protection statutes; and legislative, judicial, and administrative controls.
Prerequisite(s): Completion of all competencies in Learning Support reading and writing.

Instructor Information:
Name:
Email:
Office Phone:
Office Location:
Office Hours:

Textbook and Other Materials:
Textbook: Legal Environment, 6th edition, by Beatty and Samuelson
ISBN: 978-1-305-50748-7. Previous editions have worked also.

Course Outcomes:
Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:
• Explain the differences between law, order and justice.
• Identify and explain the elements of negligence and the defenses to torts.
• Describe and define the legal concepts of contracts.
• Analyze the types of business including proprietorship, partnership and corporation.

Course Competencies:
The following are detailed course competencies intended to support the course outcomes:
• Describe the relationship between law, order, and justice.
• List and explain the sources the law.
• Demonstrate the ability to conduct legal research.
• Differentiate and describe the elements of the various types of business torts.
• Identify and explain the elements of negligence.
• State and explain the essential elements of a contract.
• Explain how third parties may acquire rights to contracts.
• Describe the methods of discharging contracts.
• Determine what types of contracts fall within the Statute of Frauds.
• Differentiate between and explain the types of express and implied warranties.
• Provide explanation of the legal concepts of Cyber Law and Intellectual Property Law.
• Classify and distinguish the legal differences between a proprietorship, partnership and corporation.
• Identify and explain the various laws that protect consumers.

**Topics to be Covered:**
Introduction to Law  
Common Law, Statutory Law & Admin. Law  
Torts  
Introduction to Contracts  
Legality, Consent, & Writing  
Conclusion to Contracts  
Sales, Product Liability and Nego. Instruments  
Agency  
Starting a Business  
Corporations  
Cyberlaw  
Intellectual Property  
Consumer Law

**Course Assessments:**
The following performance assessments will be used to demonstrate students’ understanding, knowledge and skills:

**Grading Policy**
Grading Criteria may vary by instructor. Please refer to the syllabus for your course section for the correct information. This information will be supplied by the instructor at the beginning of the course.

**Grading Scale:**

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Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:

Attendance Policy
A student is expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Each instructor will formulate an attendance policy and provide it on the course syllabus. Absences are counted from the first scheduled meeting of the class, and it is the responsibility of each student to know the attendance policy of each instructor in whose class he/she is enrolled. If a student is absent from a class, he/she should give an advanced explanation to the instructor. Absences in a course may affect a student’s final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student’s final grade.

Failure to attend class will result in a final course grade of “FA” or “FN” (see explanation below) depending on the individual instructor’s course policy.

FA= failure, attendance-related (unofficial withdrawal) Last recorded date of attendance required.
FN= failure, never attended class (unofficial withdrawal)

Student Communication Channels
It is the student’s responsibility to check D2L and MyNSCC email on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students. Students are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L contains specific course information and MyNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

ADA Compliance Statement
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you wish to request any special accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615.353.3741 or 3721.

Classroom Misconduct
Nashville State Community College has a zero tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary sanctions. Please consult your Student Handbook for more specific details.

The instructor has primary responsibility for control over classroom behavior and maintenance of academic integrity. He/she can order temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or in conduct which violates the general rules and regulations of the College.

Disruptive behavior in the classroom may be defined as, but is not limited to, behavior that obstructs or disrupts the learning environment (e.g., offensive language, harassment of students and professors, repeated outbursts from a student which disrupt the flow of instruction or prevent concentration on the subject taught, failure to cooperate in maintaining classroom decorum, etc.), the continued use of any electronic or other noise or light emitting device which disturbs others (e.g., disturbing noises from beepers, cell phones, palm pilots, lap-top computers, games, etc.).

Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or unattended on campus.
Academic Dishonesty (Honor Code)

Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. "Plagiarism may result from: (1) failing to cite quotations and borrowed ideas, (2) failing to enclose borrowed language in quotation marks, and (3) failing to put summaries and paraphrases in your own words (A Writer’s Reference 331). Academic dishonesty may be defined as, but is not limited to, intentionally trying to deceive by claiming credit for the work of another person, using information from a web page or source without citing the reference, fraudulently using someone else’s work on an exam, paper, or assignment, purchasing papers or materials from another source and presenting them as your own, attempting to obtain exams/materials/assignments in advance of the date of administration by the instructor, impersonating someone else in a testing situation, providing confidential test information to someone else, submitting the same assignment in two different classes without requesting both instructor’s permission, allowing someone else to copy or use your work, using someone else’s work to complete your own, altering documents, transcripts or grades, and forging a faculty/staff member’s signature.

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty the instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “Zero” for the exercise, paper, or examination or to assign an “F” for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of an inclement weather event, check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nscc.edu for announcements on campus closures. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations (channels 2, 4, 5, and 17).
When classes are cancelled, an online assignment will be posted in NS Online. Check your NS Online email for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Even though classes may be cancelled, some areas, i.e. Testing Center, may be open. However, you should check before commuting to campus.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Director of Security are responsible for cancellation decisions during an inclement weather event for the Nashville State main campus and the Southeast campus. Cookeville, Waverly, and Dickson Campus Directors will make class cancellation decisions based on conditions in their respective areas. Decisions about class cancellations are based on actual conditions, not forecasts. The perspective used for making decisions is that of the college as an employer, not as a K-12 institution. Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.

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