



Hunan University

BLAW 21: Business Law

Professor: To be announced
Total contact hours: 54 hours
Credit: 4

Course Description

This course presents an introduction to the U.S. legal system. Topics covered including courts and jurisdiction, constitutional law for business and e-commerce, torts and negligence, contracts, corporations, partnerships, international and world trade law, intellectual property, cyber piracy, crime, employment, worker protection, and immigration law, administrative law and regulatory agencies, consumer protection and product safety, the uniform commercial code, etc. And international business law will also be analyzed realistically.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will:

- 1) broaden their general understanding of the U. S. legal system;
- 2) describe the sources of law in the United States;
- 3) learn the legal considerations that are important to Contemporary businesses and business transactions;
- 4) describe a nation's court jurisdiction over international disputes.

Textbook Information

Business Law by Cheeseman, 8th Edition, Prentice Hall, 2013.

Grading

● Attendance	10%
● Quizzes	20%
● Midterm 1	20%
● Midterm 2	20%
● Final Exam	30%



A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 hours and 15 minutes in length.
Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to the course and the required readings
Legal Environment of Business and E-commerce

Class 2:

Legal Heritage and the Digital Age
Courts and Jurisdiction

Class 3:

Judicial, Alternative, and E-Dispute Resolution
Constitutional Law for Business and E-Commerce

Class 4:

Intentional Torts and Negligence
Product and Strict Liability

Class 5:

Intellectual Property and Cyber Piracy
Criminal Law and Cyber Crimes
Quiz 1

Class 6:

Nature of Traditional and E-Contracts
Agreement

Class 7:

Consideration and Promissory Estoppel
Capacity and Legality

Class 8:

Genuineness of Assent and Undue Influence
Statute of Frauds and Equitable Exceptions



Class 9:
Third-Party Rights and Discharge
Remedies for Breach of Traditional and E-Contracts

Class 10:
E-Commerce and Digital Law
Midterm review

Class 11:
Midterm

Class 12:
Agency Formation and Termination
Employment, Worker Protection, and Immigration Law

Class 13:
Labor Law and Collective Bargaining
Equal Opportunity in Employment
Quiz 2

Class 14:
Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and General Partnerships
Limited Partnerships and Special Partnerships

Class 15:
Corporate Formation and Financing
Corporate Governance and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act

Class 16:
Corporate Acquisitions and Multinational Corporations
Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships

Class 17:
Franchises and Special Forms of Business
Investor Protection, E-Securities, and Wall Street Reform
Quiz 3

Class 18:
Ethics and Social Responsibility of Business
Administrative Law and Regulatory Agencies



Class 19:
Consumer Protection and Product Safety
Environmental Protection

Class 20:
Antitrust Law and Unfair Trade Practices
Liability of Principals, Agents, and Independent Contractors

Class 21:
International and World Trade Law

Class 22:
International and World Trade Law (Cont.)
Quiz 4

Class 23:
Overall Review

Class 24:
Final Exam

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

Policy on "Late Withdrawals"

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Hunan University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.



General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.