

**BUS 126 – Business and the Legal Environment**  
**Fall 2013 Code: 10238**

“The only legal certainty is the certainty of legal change. What makes law, it’s study and practice, qualitatively unlike most other things that human beings do is that we can never be sure of anything.”

-Justice E. Peters, Conn. Supreme Court

“The life of the law has not been logic: it has been experience.”

-Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

“Law is not justice and a trial is not a scientific inquiry into truth. A trial is the resolution of a dispute.”

-Edison Haines

**Course Information**

Class Hours and Location: MW 1:30-2:55p, Room 804

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**Text and Required Course Materials**

Cross and Miller, The Legal Environment of Business, 8th edition, South-Western/Cengage Learning, 2012 (Text website: [www.cengage.com/blaw/cross](http://www.cengage.com/blaw/cross))

**Course Description:** See IVC Catalog

**Course Objective:** To explore the analytical processes of learning and understanding the law and the policies behind the law.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Evaluate and analyze three distinct legal case problems and communicate the results demonstrating writing competencies at the college level.
- Identify, define, appropriately apply and analyze the five elements of a contract in a simulated factual situation based on an actual legal case.
- Identify, define, appropriately apply and analyze the four elements of negligence in a simulated factual situation based on an actual legal case.

**Evaluation**

**Scale**

Exam 1	60	A = 252-280
Exam 2	60	B = 224-251
Exam 3	60	C = 196-223
Drop Exam	-60	D = 168-195
Final Exam	80	
Take-Home Exam	30	
<u>Homework</u>	<u>50</u>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	

**Note on Exams:** Each student will need to provide a Scantron (100) and a # 2 pencil for each exam. Each student will need to provide a Blue Book for the Final Exam. Students may not leave the classroom until they have finished an exam. There will be no make-up exams.

**Note on Take-Home Exam:** The Take-Home Exam will consist of essay questions covering Chapters 4 and 5 of the text. It will be assigned in the latter half of the course. Students will have approximately 2 weeks to complete the exam. Details to follow.

**Note on Homework:** Homework will consist of student analysis of legal case problems. Homework must be turned in on the date assigned to receive full credit. Homework may be turned in one class period late for up to one-half credit. No homework will be accepted that is more than one class period late.

**Attendance Policy:** Students are expected to be in class and to contribute to the learning environment. If a student is absent from class, it is the student's responsibility to obtain class notes for that day's lecture. Please see the IVC General Catalog for additional details on attendance requirements. These requirements will be followed in this class. Please turn off cell phones when in class. Cheating will not be tolerated.

**Note from Disabled Students Programs and Services:**

Any student with a documented disability who may need educational accommodations should notify the instructor or the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSP&S) office as soon as possible at: DSP&S, Room 2117, Health Sciences Building, (760) 355-6312.

**Tentative Course Outline**

Week 1—Introduction, Chapter 1  
Week 2—Chapter 1, 2  
Week 3—Chapter 3  
Week 4—Chapter 3, 6  
Week 5—Chapter 6  
Week 6—Exam 1, Chapter 9  
Week 7—Chapter 9  
Week 8—Chapter 10  
Week 9—Chapter 10,11  
Week 10—Exam 2, Chapter 12  
Week 11—Chapter 12  
Week 12—Chapter 7  
Week 13—Chapter 22  
Week 14—Chapter 27  
Week 15—Exam 3, Review  
Week 16—Final Exam

**Final Note**

The above schedule and procedures are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.