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DESCRIPTION: A study of the legal setting of business and its relationship to the business firm. Topics covered include: the nature of law, criminal and civil procedure and the court system, business ethics, courts and alternative dispute resolution, constitutional authority to regulate business, criminal law, the law of torts, contracts and sales law, product liability, intellectual property and cyber law.

OBJECTIVE: To provide the student with an understanding of the legal and ethical issues affecting the manner in which businesses operate.

SCHEDULE: T – 6:30 P.M. – 9:15 P.M. – Rowe 130 - Lecturer will be available prior to and after class, as well as by appointment.

ATTENDANCE: Class attendance, as well as class participation, may influence the final grade. Absence at roll-call will be considered as an absence. Regular attendance, promptness, and appropriate classroom decorum is expected. Frequent tardiness or disruptive classroom behavior may result in a substantial grade penalty at the discretion of the lecturer. Excessive absenteeism will result in a reduction of the student’s final average grade. Excessive absenteeism is defined as more than two unexcused absences. A student may expect two points deducted from his or her final average grade for each unexcused absence in excess of two. In order to receive a grade above “D”, a student must attend at least 60% of scheduled classes (an absence, whether excused or unexcused, will be counted as an absence for the purpose of this computation).
GRADING:  

A = 90 - 100  
B = 80 - 89  
C = 70 - 79  
D = 60 - 69  
F = Below 60

There will be three (3) scheduled exams of equal weight.  Students may be required to bring a #2 pencil to each exam.  One or more exams may be given with or without notice and will be given the same weight as regularly scheduled exams.  Exams will be averaged together to determine the final exam grade. The final average may, at the discretion of the Instructor, be adjusted to reflect class attendance and participation.  Students should make every effort to take exams on dates scheduled and should contact the lecturer if an emergency arises.

**Failure to Take a Scheduled Exam on the Scheduled Date.** In order for a student to be entitled to take a scheduled exam on a date and time other than the scheduled date and time because of reasons other than physical illness or disability, the student must obtain permission from the instructor prior to the exam.  In the event of physical illness or disability, the student must notify the instructor as soon as he or she is aware of the problem, and, prior to being allowed to take the exam at another date and time, present to the instructor a statement from a Physician stating that the student is, or was, physically unable to take the exam at the scheduled time.  Permission to take an exam at a time other than the regularly scheduled date and time for any reason will be solely in the discretion of the instructor.  If permission is granted, students must cooperate with the instructor in determining a suitable time to take a “make up” exam and failure to cooperate will terminate the permission.  The determination as to whether or not a student cooperated is in the sole discretion of the instructor.  If permission is not granted, or granted and later terminated, the student will receive a zero as his or her grade for the missed exam.

**RECORDING**

Students must obtain permission from Lecturer to use audio recording equipment. Mobile Telephones must be “Turned Off”.  No video equipment or photographs will be allowed.
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: It is the policy of the course to follow the *UNC Charlotte Code of Student Integrity* as set forth in the Catalog. The code forbids cheating, fabrication or falsification of information, multiple submission of academic work, plagiarism, abuse of academic materials and complicity in academic dishonesty. Students are expected to exhibit a level of personal honor and integrity that will bring credit to themselves and the University. Students who violate the code will be punished to the fullest extent possible. In short, academic dishonesty will not be tolerated by this instructor or the Department of Finance and Business Law. Any student in possession of a Business Law I Examination (without permission) will be given an “F” in the Course. There will be no exceptions to this rule. At the end of each examination, in order to receive a grade, students will be required to hand in their examination booklets, and their scantron sheets indicating the test booklet number (if an erasure on a scantron causes the answer to be marked as incorrect, there will be no correction – again, there will be no exception to this rule).

DIVERSITY: The Belk College of Business strives to create an inclusive academic climate in which the dignity of all individuals is respected and maintained. Therefore, we celebrate diversity that includes, but is not limited to ability/disability, age culture, ethnicity, gender, language, race, religion, sexual orientation, and socio-economic status.
READING ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM SCHEDULE

Jan.  12 - Introduction
      19 - Chapter 1
      26 - Chapter 2
Feb.  2 – Chapters 3 & 4
      9 - Exam
      16  Chapters 5 & 6
      23 - Chapters 7 & 8
Mar.  1 - Chapters 9 10
      8 - Student Recess
      15 - Chapters 11 & 12
      22 - Exam & Chapter 13 & 14
      29 – Chapters 15 & 16
Apr.  5 - Chapters 17 & 18
      12 - Chapters  19 & 20
      19 – Chapter  21
      26 – Chapters 22 & 23
May  3 – Chapter 24
      10 – Final Exam  8:00 p.m. -10:30 p.m.

May be adjusted at discretion of Lecturer