TEXTBOOK:

Business Law 14th Edition, Clarkson, Miller, Cross
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DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

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.

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

To develop a student’s ability to identify, analyze, and resolve problems typically encountered by managers within the framework of legal, regulatory, social, and ethical considerations. Students should understand why these considerations are essential to all managers who operate business enterprises.

POLICIES:

To achieve these objectives, the following policies are adopted in this course:

1. Students are expected to know the descriptive material and analyze all of the cases.
2. Classroom time is used to discuss legal principles and utilize them in the analysis and resolution of legal problems presented in class.
3. All students are expected to comply with the university academic regulations concerning attendance, withdrawals, and other provisions of the catalog.
4. A student’s grade is determined by averaging his / her percentage score on the four (4) tests given in the course. The final average may, at the discretion of the Instructor, be adjusted to reflect class attendance and participation.
5. Letter grades are determined as follows:

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\text{A} = 90 - 100 \quad \text{B} = 80 - 89 \quad \text{C} = 70 - 79 \quad \text{D} = 60 - 69 \quad \text{F} = \text{Below 60}
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6. Students should make every effort to take exams on the dates scheduled and should contact the lecturer if an emergency arises.

7. Students must obtain permission from Lecturer to use audio recording equipment. Mobile Telephones must be “Turned Off”.

**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.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

UNC Charlotte is committed to access to education. If you have a disability and need academic accommodations, please provide a letter of accommodation from Disability Services early in the semester. For more information on accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at 704-687-0040 or visit their office in Fretwell 230.
READING ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM SCHEDULE
May be adjusted at discretion of Lecturer

Monday, May 20: Chapters 1-3
Wednesday, May 22: Creation of business including Articles of Organization, Operating Agreement, and a list of licenses due before class on Wednesday, May 29 (25 points)

Monday, May 27: Memorial Day / No Class
Wednesday, May 29: Chapters 4-5 and guest speaker

Monday, June 3: Chapters 6-7, Review for Exam, and guest speaker
Wednesday, June 5: Work on business creation including drafting a contract, social media policy, and create a logo due before class on Monday, June 10 (25 points)

Monday, June 10: EXAM on Chapters 1-7 (25 points)
Wednesday, June 12: Chapters 8, 10, and 11

Monday, June 17: Chapters 12-14, Review for Exam, and guest speaker
Wednesday, June 19: Work on business creation including marketing and joint venture agreement, settlement agreement, and non-disclosure agreement due before class on Monday, June 24 (25 points)

Monday, June 24: Exam on Chapters 8, 10 – 14 (25 points)
Wednesday, June 26: Turn in via email “shark tank” like presentation on your business. 10 power point slides with audio or a video on your business and how much funding you are asking for in startup capital (25 points)

Grades will consist of 200 points:
Exams = 50 points total
Business assignments = 150 points total
Participation in class = 50 points total