

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

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Syllabus and Course Outline Spring 2020 *Emma Lloyd Best*

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REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Business Law 14th Edition, Clarkson, Miller, Cross ISBN: 978130596725 (Required) - See link on canvas to download this book electronically or you can order the eBook for (\$33) <https://www.cengage.com/c/business-law-text-and-cases-14e-clarkson/>

Supplemental Materials are available at [cengage.com/unlimited](https://www.cengage.com/unlimited) such as exam practice problems.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

A study of the legal setting of business and its relationship to the business firm. Topics covered include: Strict and Product Liability, Sales and Lease Contracts, International and Space Law, Secured Transactions, Agency Liability, Partnership, Environmental Protection, Professional Liability, Insurance, and Wills and Trusts.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

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.

To succeed in this course, you need to attend class, participate, and take notes in class in order to make an outline of what to study for the exams. I also recommend that you do the practice problems on Cengage unlimited since the exams will assess your knowledge of the rules of law from the textbook and how to apply rules to facts of a case. You need to work diligently with your group on your business plan throughout the semester.

The general flow of the class will be the following:

1. A brief discussion of current legal topics by you.
2. Use the power points as an outline of the discussion topics from the book, but the class will mainly be discussion so please review the power points on your own.
3. Review practice problems from in groups.
4. Review the creation of a business plan.

POLICIES:

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

1. Classroom time is used to discuss legal principles and utilize them in the analysis and resolution of legal problems presented in class.
2. All students are expected to comply with the university academic regulations concerning attendance, withdrawals, and other provisions of the catalog.
3. A student's grade is determined by averaging his / her percentage score on the four (4) tests given in the course, the company notebook and presentation, and the student's attendance and participation in the class.
4. Letter grades are determined as follows:
A = 90 – 100 B = 80 - 89 C = 70 – 79 D = 60 – 69 F = Below 60
5. Students should make every effort to take exams on the dates scheduled and should contact the lecturer if an emergency arises.
6. Students must obtain permission from Lecturer to use audio recording equipment. Mobile Telephones must be "Turned Off".

Grades will consist of 250 points:

Exams = 150 points total (3 exams at 50 points each)

Business Plan and Presentation = 100 points total (we will have a mid-semester check in to assess your progress)

Participation in class = Extra Credit

ABSENCES

Students are expected to attend every class and remain in class for the duration of the session. Failure to attend class or arriving late may impact your ability to achieve course objectives which could affect your course grade. An absence, excused or unexcused, does not relieve a student of any course requirement. Regular class attendance is a student's obligation, as is a responsibility for all the work of class meetings, including tests and written tasks.

The authority to excuse a student's class absence(s) and to grant a student an academic accommodation (turn in a late assignment(s), provide extra time on an assignment, reschedule an exam(s) etc.) sits with the individual instructor. Students are encouraged to work directly with the instructor regarding their absence(s). A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an exam or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

PARTICIPATION:

I will conduct this class in an atmosphere of mutual respect. I encourage your active participation in class discussions. Each of us may have strongly differing opinions on the various topics of class discussions. The conflict of ideas is encouraged and welcome. The orderly questioning of the ideas of others, including mine, is similarly welcome. However, I will exercise my responsibility to manage the discussions so that ideas and argument can proceed in an orderly fashion. You should expect that if your conduct during class discussions seriously disrupts the atmosphere of mutual respect I expect in this class; you will not be permitted to participate further.

You will be allowed to pick your team members that you will work on your business plan with. There will also be in class discussions, questions, and presentations on current legal topics. The purpose of class participation is to improve your communication skills.

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:

All students and the instructor are expected to engage with each other respectfully. Unwelcome conduct directed toward another person based upon that person's actual or perceived race, actual or perceived gender, color, religion, age, national origin, ethnicity, disability, or veteran status, or for any other reason, may constitute a violation of University Policy 406, The Code of Student Responsibility. Any student suspected of engaging in such conduct will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct.

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.

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.

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.

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READING ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAM SCHEDULE

May be adjusted at discretion of Lecturer

Chapters listed below are from the textbook **Business Law 14th Edition**, Clarkson, Miller, Cross.

Week 1 – January 6 (semester starts on Wednesday, January 8)

Syllabus & Final Assignment Review
Chapter 1 (Law and Legal Reasoning)

Week 2 – January 13

Chapters 3 (Courts and ADR) & 7 (Strict Liability and Product Liability)

Week 3 – January 20 (No Class on Monday, January 20)

Chapters 18 (Performance and Discharge) & 21 (Title, Risk, and Insurable Interest)

Week 4 – January 27

Chapters 22 (Performance and Breach of Sales and Lease Contracts) & 23 (Warranties) and Review

Week 5 – February 3

Exam 1 on Chapters 1, 3, 7, 18, 21, 22, 23 on Monday, February 3 and review exam

Week 6 – February 10

Chapters 24 (International and Space Law) & 26 (Transferability and Holder in Due Course)

Week 7 – February 17

Chapters 27 (Liability, Defenses, and Discharge) & 28 (Banking in the Digital Age)

Week 8 – February 24

Chapters 29 (Creditors Rights and Remedies) & 30 (Secured Transactions)

Mid semester check in on the class and the business plan

Week 9 – March 2
SPRING BREAK

Week 10 – March 9

Chapters 32 (Agency Formation and Duties) & 33 (Agency Liability and Termination) and review

Week 11 – March 16

Exam 2 on Chapters 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33 on Monday, March 16 and review exam

Week 12 – March 23

Chapters 37 (All Forms of Partnership) & 42 (Investor Protection, Insider Trading, and Corporate Governance)

Week 13 – March 30

Chapters 44 (Consumer Law) & 45 (Environmental Protection)

Week 14 – April 6

Chapters 47 (Professional Liability and Accountability) & 48 (Personal Property and Bailments)

Week 15 – April 13

Chapters 50 (Insurance) & 51 (Wills and Trusts)

Week 16 – April 20

Review and Exam 3 on Chapters 37, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51 on Wednesday, April 22

Week 17 – April 27 (Last day of Classes on Tuesday, April 28)

Review Business Plan and Prepare for Presentations

Final Business Plan and Presentation due on the day designated for the final