SADDLEBACK COLLEGE
BUSINESS SCIENCE DIVISION

Business Law – Bus 12
Course Syllabus

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Semester: Fall 2007
Semester Dates: 8/20 – 12/16/2007
Section/Ticket No: 11000
Days: Thursday
Time: 7:00 - 9:50 pm
Classroom: VIL 16-01

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the legal environment of American business including history; legal systems; social, ethical and political forces effecting the development and operation of the legal system. A focal point of the course is the law of contracts and sales of goods. Additional topics include ethical considerations impacting management’s decision-making, torts, crimes, business organizations, bailment, agency and employment, product liability, and constitutional issues.

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

1. Evaluate the evolutionary character of legal rights.
2. Explain the basic structure of federal and state court systems.
3. Describe and compare social objectives that forge the law and the legal environment of business.
4. Examine the basis for tort and criminal liability and solve problems involving the application of such law.
5. Contrast the ethical and political forces that affect the development and operation of the legal system.
6. Give several examples of the constitutional authority of government to regulate business.
7. Describe court procedures in civil and criminal proceedings.
8. Relate the essential elements of a contract and state how contracts are classified.
9. Differentiate between types of contracts.
10. Recognize and solve problems involving the questions of contractual capacity and assent to an agreement.
11. Define and distinguish between types of consideration.
12. Select the types of contracts that must be in writing and state the requirements that satisfy the Statute of Frauds.
14. Discuss third persons and contracts
15. Define and compare the methods by which contracts can be discharged.
17. List points of difference between general contract law and the law of sales of goods.
18. Describe title and risk of loss with respect to sales of goods.
19. Explain and distinguish between warranties other product liabilities.
20. Name various forms and methods of acquiring possession and ownership of personal property.
21. Distinguish among various types of business entities.
22. Categorize agency relationships as it affects contract, tort, and criminal liability.
1. STUDENT RESOURCES

A. Textbook Mandatory – Course Requirement

*Essentials of Business Law*
by Jeffrey F. Beatty and Susan S. Samuelson

*Note:* You are required to bring the textbook to each class meeting

B. Websites Access as Needed Description

**My Site:**
https://www1.socccd.cc.ca.us/mysite/
Student’s Personal College Website

**Course:**
http://www1.socccd.cc.ca.us/eservices/ClassDetail.asp?sectionID=11000&termid=20073
Course Information

**Publisher:**
http://www.swlearning.com/blaw/cases/topic_index.html
Court Case Updates

**Legal Explainations.com:**
Definitions of legal terms reference

2. ASSIGNMENTS AND TESTS

A. Reading

Students must complete all reading assignments in the textbook, study guide and web site before class.

Students must be prepared to discuss and analyze the assigned reading including the chapter-end discussion questions, case problems and material in the study guide. Further, all assigned reading in the textbook, study guide and web site is fair game for a pop quiz. Lectures are based on the fact that students have a foundation from the reading to understand the lecture. Due to time constraints, the lectures do not cover all of the material assigned for reading. You are required to bring the textbook to each class meeting.
B. Written Assignments

Students will be given format instructions for all written assignments. Assignments are due at the beginning of the next class meeting unless otherwise indicated. No late assignments will be accepted.

C. Quizzes

Periodic quizzes will be given with and without notice. The quizzes are based on the terminology, handouts, lectures and reading assignments including study guide. There are no make-ups for a missed quiz due to an absence.

The quiz scores will be averaged together with written assignments/homework to obtain one-third (34%) of the course grade. (See section on Calculation of Course Grade for further information) Some quizzes may be given in an Accu-Scan format. Bring a #2 pencil and eraser to each class. Your instructor will provide the computer scan form.

D. Examinations

Three (3) Unit Exams will be given. All Unit Exams are non-cumulative; that is, they will not cover materials tested on a previous Unit Exam. No make-up on a missed examination unless arrangements have been made with the instructor prior to the examination.

Leaving a message on email or voice mail that you will miss the examination for any reason will not suffice. Arrangements must be made directly with the instructor, and may or may not include a makeup exam.

3. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Attendance

It is not necessary to call the instructor to advise of an anticipated absence unless a Unit Exam is scheduled for the meeting. There is no such thing as an excused absence. If a student is not present in class, they are absent. If you missed the first or second class meeting because of late enrollment, you are considered absent for missing those class meetings.

Attendance is taken at each class meeting from quizzes, sign-in sheets or verbal call. Leaving early or arriving late may constitute an absence at the discretion of the instructor. Instructor reserves the right to drop a student without notice from the class after missing a total of six hours (consecutive or nonconsecutive) in accordance with district policy.

If the student anticipates being absent from the lecture, it is their responsibility to obtain any handouts from another student or the instructor by appointment. Also, it is the student’s responsibility to arrange to have any written assignment due at the missed meeting delivered to the instructor before that class meeting. (See section on Written Assignments)
B. Calculation of Course Grade

The semester grade will be weighted as follows:

- 22% - Unit Exam #1
- 22% - Unit Exam #2
- 22% - Unit Exam #3 (final exam)
- 34% - Average of all quizzes and written assignments/homework
- 100%

Participation in class discussion is greatly encouraged, and will be taken into account in borderline cases to raise the final grade.

Excessive absence from class will be taken into account in borderline cases to lower the final grade.

C. Pagers, Cell Phones, and Other Noise Producing Electronic Equipment

If it is necessary that you carry a cell phone or wireless email device into class, as a courtesy to the other students and the instructor, please turn it off. Sending or receiving calls, text messages or email during class is not permitted. Additionally, please silence all other electronic equipment, including, but not limited to, palm devices, watches, pagers and computers. If you use a computer to take notes you must use a self-contained battery for the power supply. For safety reason, students are not permitted to use power cords to plug into the electrical outlets in the classrooms or use cables to plug into the college Internet.

D. General Information

*Bring to Each Class Meeting:* Textbook, study guide, #2 pencil, and blue or black ink pen. Students are required to bring photograph identification (SC or IVC Student ID cards or Driver’s License) to each class meeting.

*Deadlines:*

- Aug 31, 2007 - The last day to drop the course with a refund
- Sep 21, 2007 - The last day to drop the course without a “W” grade
- Sep 21, 2007 - The last day to apply for Credit or No Credit (CR/NC)
- Nov 1, 2007 - The last day to drop the course with a “W” grade

Refer to Class Details Web Site for a complete list of important dates. It is the responsibility of the student to drop the course. Uncompleted course work may result in a grade of “F” for drop or withdrawals not processed by the student through the Office of Records, Admissions and Enrollment.

*Students are responsible for all information contained in Class Schedules, Saddleback College Catalog and Student Handbook.*

E. Cheating

According to the official policies and Procedures of Saddleback College Student Handbook, “cheating or plagiarism in connection with an academic program” is prohibited and students “may be disciplined.” In the rare instance that a student in this course cheats on a test, sends another student to take tests, signs in for another student or plagiarizes materials; that student
will be subject to the full disciplinary process outlined in the Student Handbook. The discipline will range from immediate removal from the class for the day, to receiving a grade of “F” for the course. In the event the activity is particularly serious, the instructor reserves the right to pursue suspension of the student from the college. Plagiarism is defined as copying from a written source verbatim without putting the material in quotes and citing the source. Included is the presentation of work copied from another student as your own or turning in duplicate assignments. All written material submitted by students may be duplicated and submitted to a database to verify originality.

Instructor reserves the right to request photograph identification (SC or IVC Student ID Card or Vehicle Driver’s License) upon demand at any time during the semester and in particular during tests.

**F. College Email**

All students are provided with an email address and access to the Internet at computer Stations throughout the campus. If you have Internet access at home or work, it is highly recommended that you forward your college email to your home or work address. You can access written instructions explaining how to forward your SC student email to home or work at this website:

http://www.saddleback.edu/faculty/pgoldberg/forward-email/forward-email.htm

**Important:** Broadcast/global email to students will ONLY be sent to Saddleback College student email addresses. Failure to forward your email will result in your being unable to receive written communications from your instructor or the college unless you regularly check the college email at MySite.
**SEMESTER SCHEDULE**
**Business Law (Bus-12) - Fall 2007**

- Reading assignments must be completed before class meeting regardless of the pace of the lecture.
- The student is responsible for all material covered in the assigned reading, even if it is not covered in the lecture.

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