

Syllabus: BUAD 2301 – Business Law – FALL 2017

COBA Undergraduate Degree Programs

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Class Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.
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Please contact me and we can schedule a mutually convenient time to meet.

Course Description

- This course covers legal environment from a "preventive law", practical perspective. Specific subjects include: Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Torts, Business Organizations, Real and Personal Property Law. The course provides an introduction to Environmental Law, Consumer Law, Securities Law, Human Resources Management Law (Labor Law), and Marketing Law (Anti-Trust).

Learning Objectives

Students will be expected to:

- Develop and recognize legal problems.
- Describe the processes of determining what are legal versus ethical issues and how the difference impacts decision making.
- Recognize when federal and state laws impinge on personal and professional decision-making.
- Develop the analytical thinking process through the application of legal concepts in the resolution of legal disputes.
- Demonstrate the ability to research current law, rules and regulations related to specific disputes.
- Articulate both verbally and in writing public policy implications of passed or proposed legislation in the areas studied in this course.

Course Content

Topics Covered:

Civil Litigation Processes and Procedures	General Knowledge
Alternative Dispute Resolution	"
Criminal Law	"
Tort Law	"
Property Rights and Responsibilities	"
Bailments	"
Real Property Issues	"
Probate, Trust & Estate Planning	"
Agency Law	"
Forms of Organizing Businesses	"
Ethics	"
International Perspectives	"
Securities Law	"
Antitrust	"

Employment Law
Environmental Law
Insurance Law

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Course Materials

Required Text:

West's Business Law, 12th Edition by Clarkson, Miller, Jentz and Cross. ISBN: 978-0-538-47082-7

NOTE: You may use older editions of the text but be aware that the chapter numbers might not match up. Ensure that you do not focus on the wrong chapter by also checking the chapter title in the schedule.

Assessments and Grades

There are five major exams.

Grading Policy:

Grades will be based on the following:

Five (5) Exams:	100 points each	500 points total
Five (5) Highest Quizzes:	10 points each	50 points total

Total Possible Points: 550

100% to 89.5% = A
89.4% to 79.5% = B
79.4% to 69.5% = C
69.4% to 59.5% = D
59.4% and lower = F

Course Calendar/Exam Dates

Date	Day	Chapter- Business Law	Notes
8/24	TH	First Class Meeting	
8/29	TU	Chapter 1 – Intro. To Law and Legal Reasoning	
8/31	TH	Chapter 2 – Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution	
9/05	TU	Chapter 3 – Court Procedures	
9/07	TH	Chapter 4 – Constitutional Authority	
9/12	TU	Chapter 4 – Constitutional Authority	
9/14	TH	EXAM 1 – Covers chapters 1 through 4	
09/19	TU	Torts – Chapter 6	
09/21	TH	Strict Liability – Chapter 7	
09/26	TU	Intellectual Property – Chapter 8	
09/28	TH	Criminal Law – Chapter 9	
10/03	TU	Criminal Law – Chapter 9	
10/05	TH	EXAM 2 – Covers chapters 6 through 9	
10/10	TU	Agency Formation – Chapter 32	
10/12	TH	Agents Liability to 3rd Parties – Chapter 33	
10/17	TU	Sole Proprietorship – Chapter 36	
10/19	TH	Limited Partnerships – Chapter 37	
10/24	TU	EXAM 3 – Covers chapters 32, 33, 36 and 37	
10/26	TH	LLC – Chapter 38	
10/31	TU	Corporations Formation – Chapter 39	
11/02	TH	Corporations Formation – Chapter 39	
11/07	TU	Corporate Directors – Chapter 41	
11/09	TH	Security Law – Chapter 42	
11/14	TU	Exam 4 – Covers chapters 38 - 42	
11/16	TH	Administrative Law – Chapter 44	
11/21	TU	Personal Property – Chapter 49	
11/23	TH	THANKSGIVING – NO CLASS	

11/28	TU	Real Property – Chapter 51	
11/30	TH	Real Property – Chapter 51 and Review for Final Exam	
12/05 OR 12/07	TU/TH	FINAL EXAM (Exam 5) Exam 5 covers chapters 44, 49 and 51	

Policies

Student Syllabus Guidelines

- SHSU Academic Policy Manual – Students
 - [Procedures in Cases of Academic Dishonesty #810213](#)
 - [Disabled Student Policy #811006](#)
 - [Student Absences on Religious Holy Days #861001](#)
 - [Academic Grievance Procedures for Students # 900823](#)
 - SHSU Academic Policy Manual – Curriculum and Instruction
 - [Use of Telephones and Text Messagers in Academic Classrooms and Facilities #100728](#)
- Visitors in the classroom - Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance.

Services for Students with Disabilities

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that no otherwise qualified disabled individuals shall, solely by reason of their disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any academic program or activity.

SSD Office Location: Lee Drain Annex (next to the Farrington

Building) Telephone: 936-294-3512

TDD: 936-294-3786

E-mail: disability@shsu.edu

Web Address: www.shsu.edu/disability

Attendance Policy:

Attendance in this class is expected as is stated in the Sam Houston State University catalog. Absences in excess of eight (8) hours will result in a failure. In this class that is eight hours is equivalent to 6 class absences. Roll will be taken each class day. It is your responsibility to make sure that you sign the roll sheet each day. It is your responsibility to track your absences.

Also, those who miss a substantial number of classes will penalize themselves by missing material that will be discussed in class, that may not appear in the texts, and over which the class will be tested. In this class ONLY, you are encouraged to attend every class even if you are late. Please do not hesitate to come to class. You will be penalized for arriving to class late (see next paragraph). Otherwise, the intent of my policy is to encourage you to come to class.

I will take attendance of the class via a roll sheet. If you fail to sign in when attendance is taken, you are considered absent for that period. It is your responsibility to make sure you sign in each day.

This system is automatic. No “permission” is given to miss a class – this system permits a reasonable number of absences for sickness, etc. It is not necessary to inform me if you plan or cannot attend class on a given day. However, if you need to leave class early please inform me prior to class.

I take attendance very seriously. If you leave class early you will be penalized. If you leave early you may be counted absent for the day.

Classroom Policies:

In order to facilitate a positive classroom environment, please observe the following:

- In accordance with university regulations, there will be no smoking, food or drink permitted in the classroom.
 - Class will start promptly at the assigned time.
 - Cell phone use is not permitted during class. Cell phone “use” is defined as speaking, texting or in any way utilizing any features on your phone that are a disruption to the learning process. The disruption may be to your ability to learn or to others.
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- If class participation and reading preparation decline I reserve the right to have random quizzes. The quizzes will be handed out at the beginning of the class period. Each quiz will be worth 10 points. If quizzes are used the point total for the quizzes will be added to the total points for the class. For example, if two quizzes are given the total points for the class will increase from 550 points to 570. There will be no make up on class quizzes!! Note that if you miss a class and a quiz, the absence has double impact.
 - **STRICT POLICY ON EXAMS!** If you miss an exam for any reason, you will be required to take a comprehensive final examination. The comprehensive final will be weighted heavier to compensate for the missed exam. The comprehensive exam will be taken during the normal final exam date and time. This exam will cover all the material covered during the course. It will replace the missed exam and count as your final exam 5 grade. If you miss more than one exam, you will receive an F in the course. IF YOU MISS THE FINAL – YOU WILL RECEIVE A ZERO ON EXAM 5.
 - If you arrive LATE for an exam: If you arrive after the first person has handed in their exam you will NOT be allowed to take the exam. You will have to take a comprehensive final. As stated above, if you miss more than one exam, you will receive an F in the course.
 - Cheating: Please read the University’s Academic Dishonesty Code. Any student caught cheating will receive an “F” in the course. Plagiarism, of any kind, is defined as cheating.