

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Department of General Business and Finance
Course Syllabus
FALL SEMESTER 2017

COURSE NUMBER: **BUAD 2301**

COURSE TITLE: **Business Legal Environment**

PREREQUISITES: None

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CLASS MEETS: **Wednesdays 6 - 8:50 p.m.:** Smith-Hudson Business Bld. - **Room 306**

REQUIRED TEXTS: BUSINESS LAW Text And Cases by Clarkson, Miller, Cross; South-Western CENGAGE Learning, **Twelfth (12th) Edition. (Bring your book to class)**

REQUIRED NOTES: Print out **Power Point Slides** in Course Content from Blackboard.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to give students insight into the legal environment in which businesses operate and to provide a basic understanding of solving legal problems. We will discuss current legal cases, issues, trends, and see video examples. May be elected by nonbusiness students. Questions and discussion are encouraged.

COURSE EXAMINATIONS:

EXAM 1: Chapters 1 – 5

EXAM 2: Chapters 6 – 9

EXAM 3: Chapters 32 – 41

EXAM 4: Chapters 44, 50 – 52 (on December 6, 2017)

Each examination represents 25% of the student's final grade in the course as determined by the following scale:

>89.4 = A
79.5 - 89.4 = B
69.5 - 79.4 = C
59.5 - 69.4 = D
<59.5 = F

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop the ability to recognize legal problems that arise in common business transactions.
2. To understand selected legal rules and their impact on the decisions made in operations of businesses.
3. To develop the analytical thinking process by the application of legal concepts in the solving of problems.
4. To understand the environment in which business decisions are made and the effect of those environments and applicable law on the decision-making process.

RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY:

Students who are absent from class for observance of a religious holy day will be allowed to make up a missed examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day. The student, not later than the 15th calendar day after the first day of the class, must notify the instructor of each scheduled class day that he/she would be absent for a religious holy day.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES POLICY: Any student with a disability that affects his/her academic performance should contact the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities in the SHSU Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786) to request accommodations. Please also see link to www.shsu.edu/syllabus

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Attendance in this class is expected as is stated in the latest Sam Houston State University catalog. The penalty for excessive absences, which is defined as ten (10) hours, is automatic failure (a grade of "F") in the class. 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. If a student arrives late for class and the roll has been taken, the student is considered absent for the day. **As you will be tested on some information that is only discussed in lecture, good attendance will definitely help your final grade in the class.**