

BUL2241-Business Law I

Syllabus

Hello everyone and welcome to BUL2241, Business Law I!

My name is Jennifer Hacker and I'm delighted to be your instructor for this course! I am an adjunct instructor who has been with Saint Petersburg College since 2004 teaching various business law courses. I am also a defense attorney and I started working for the Clearwater Public Defender's office in 2003.

Back in 1999, I started a dot com business and was able to secure Venture funding. I moved from Florida to Seattle on three day's notice and jumped into a world where technology mixes with the law every single day. Several years later, I sold my business and went on to work with other start-up companies until I finally came back to Florida and finished law school, which I did at UCL in London, UK.

I am a resident of Pinellas County, and I am excited to be teaching this course!

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I will respond to emails and phone calls within 48 hours if not sooner.

Note that I am rarely able to answer my phone as I may well be in court. I can, however, answer email from court, so please note that email will always be the very fastest way to get a response from me.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to give the student a general understanding of the various areas of statutory and common law, and their impact upon the business community. This will be accomplished by including such topics as the structure of the American legal system, alternate dispute resolution, constitutional law, contracts, UCC sales, negligence, torts and the law of agency. There are 47 contact hours.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To understand the legal environment of business including a study of the nature and sources of law, court systems, constitutional law, law making by administrative agencies and torts.
2. To apply the laws and understand the principles of contract law including the nature and classification of contracts, agreement, consideration, contractual capacity, illegality, reality of consent, contracts required to be in writing, rights of third parties and discharge of contracts.
3. To analyze commercial transactions, including the law of sales, formations and interpretations of the sales contract, title, risk of loss, insurable interests, warranties and performance, and remedies.

4. To understand employment and labor law.

COURSE REQUIRMENTS:

Students must have regular access to a computer that is connected to the Internet. It is strongly recommended that students have a broadband (high-speed) internet connection such as DSL or a cable modem. When taking on-line quizzes and exams (or viewing on-line video), students should have an internet connection that is stable and will not drop their connection.

Students without a stable high-speed internet connection should consider making arrangements to take on-line quizzes and exams at one of the St. Petersburg College libraries (or a similar facility) where a stable high-speed internet connection is available. Internet Explorer is the preferred browser to use to access course materials.

Because of the use of teams in many classes, a formal standard has been devised. This standard applies to all classes. Students are required to submit assignments and share team documents in Microsoft Office formats (Word, Excel and other Microsoft formats if specified).

The College of Technology and Management provides full function student licenses of Microsoft software, other than the basic Office product. Both Visio and Project would be beneficial to students. Details regarding obtaining the software and licenses are provided in a video under Course Materials and on the Technology Management Student Commons in ANGEL.

Some courses allow or require students to submit assignments as video responses with a PowerPoint attachment. Students would require a Webcam compatible with their computer to record these videos. Very low cost cameras have been found to work well when they claim support for the student's computer operating system (such as XP, Vista, MAC, Linux). Alternatively, students may book a machine equipped with a camera at the EpiCenter in Clearwater. These bookings should be made through the College of Technology and Management.

Assignments must be submitted in Microsoft Word 97 or higher. Please be sure you use Microsoft word for all drop box attachments, because, if I can't open the assignment it's considered late and will receive a zero.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS:

Beatty and Samuelson; Business Law and the Legal Environment; Sixth Edition- ISBN: 978-1-111-53060-0

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE

Week #	Chapter Title/Projects	Reading Assignment	Points	Assignment Due Date
Week 1				Sun. 9/21
	Introduction to Law	Chapter 1		
	Business Ethics	Chapter 2		

	Introductions		0	
	Discussion Forum		5	
	Assignment 1		5	
	Assignment 2		5	
	Course Project Overview		0	
Week 2				Sun. 9/28
	Dispute Resolution	Chapter 3		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion Forum		5	
	Course Project-The Facts		10	
WEEK 3				Sun. 10/5
	Common Law, Statutory Law & Administrative law	Chapter 4		
	Constitutional Law	Chapter 5		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion		5	
	Course Project- The Issue		10	
WEEK 4				Sun. 10/12
	Intentional Torts and Business Torts	Chapter 6		
	Negligence and Strict Liability	Chapter 7		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion Forum		5	
	Course Project- The Analysis		10	
WEEK 5				Sun. 10/19
	Introduction to Contracts	Chapter 10		
	Agreement	Chapter 11		
	Consideration	Chapter 12		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion		5	
	Course Project-The Holding		10	
WEEK 6				Sun. 10/26
	Capacity & Consent	Chapter 14		
	Written Contracts	Chapter 15		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion Forum		5	

	Course Project-Final		10	
WEEK 7				Sun. 11/2
	MID TERM EXAM		20	
WEEK 8				Sun. 11/9
	Third Parties	Chapter 16		
	Introduction to Sales	Chapter 19		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion		5	
WEEK 9				Sun. 11/16
	Ownership and Risk	Chapter 20		
	Performance and Remedies	Chapter 22		
	Creating a Negotiable Instrument	Chapter 23		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion		5	
WEEK 10				Sun. 11/23
	Employment Law	Chapter 30		
	Labor Law	Chapter 31		
	Anti-Trust	Chapter 39		
	Assignment		5	
	Discussion		5	
WEEK 11				Sun. 11/30
	Review for Final Exam			
WEEK 12				Sun. 12/7
	FINAL EXAM		25	

GRADING POLICY:

A 90-100%

B 80-89%

C 70-79%

D 60-69%

F Less than 60%

LATE WORK:

I will accept late assignments ONLY, not late discussion work. Discussion work cannot be late for ANY reason.

Late assignments will be accepted only if they are submitted within 48 hours of the due date. Those received after that time period will be given a zero.

Late assignments turned in within the 48 hour period will be subject to a 10% late penalty. Work cannot be later than 48 hours.

NO LATE WORK OF ANY KIND ACCEPTED IN WEEK ELEVEN OR TWELVE. That means that by Sunday, November 23rd, 2014 at midnight EST, all work you plan to turn in must be turned in. Anything at all received after that date for any reason will be given a zero.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

Discussion Boards: Each discussion forum is worth a total of 5 points, with the first posting being 3 points and the second posting worth 2 points. Failure to participate in discussion forums will negatively affect your grade, as well as constitute absence from the class for that week.

ATTENDANCE/ACTIVE PARTICIPATION/WITHDRAWAL POLICIES

As faculty we publish our own participation/attendance policies in our syllabi. All instructors must verify that students are in attendance during the first two weeks of class.

Students classified as "No Show" for both of the first two weeks will be administratively withdrawn (by SPC, not by your instructor) from any class which they are not attending. The student's financial aid will be adjusted based on their updated enrollment status.

So, please remember again that you must not only timely submit your weekly assignments, but, post to the discussion forum as well in order to be considered present for class each week.

Students who are not actively participating in class as defined in this syllabus will be reported to the Administration during the week following the last date to withdraw with a "W" (as posted in the academic calendar on the college's web site).

Students will be able to withdraw themselves at any time during the term. However, requests submitted after the last date to withdraw with a "W" (see academic calendar) will result in a "WF." Students and instructors will automatically receive an email notification through their SPC email address whenever a withdrawal occurs.

Withdrawing after the "Last Date to Withdraw with a Grade of 'W'" can have serious consequences. If the student withdraws from a class after the deadline posted in the academic calendar, the student will receive a final grade of 'WF,' which has the same impact on the student's GPA as a final grade of "F." A "WF" grade also could impact the student's financial aid,

requiring repayment of financial assistance. Students should consult with an academic advisor or financial assistance counselor prior to withdrawing from a class.

SPC requires on-line instructors to monitor student attendance/participation in educational activities on a weekly basis. Students are required to participate in their on-line course each week as verified by activity within the ANGEL Learning Management System, such as a discussion board posting, submission of an assignment, messaging your instructor, chat, and completion of polls, quizzes or tests. When you have two (2) weeks of unexcused or otherwise undocumented absence for an 8 week class, you will either be administratively withdrawn by the instructor if this occurs before the 60 percent point in the term, or be given a grade of WF if it occurs later in the term. If you are in your third attempt at completing a course, you will be given a WF grade at any point in the term that you exceed the maximum number of weeks absent. Excused absences, of course, will not count against you.

NOTE: Attendance for the 60% point of this class will require an average of a "D" grade (sixty percent of the available points) for all items due on or before the SPC determined 60% date.

NOTE: Not achieving attendance leads to a WF (Withdrawn and Failed) implying serious financial and GPA consequences.

ACADEMIC HONESTY:

St. Petersburg College has an Academic Honesty policy. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the policies, rules, and the consequences of violations. There is no tolerance for cheating and academic dishonesty. Discipline can range from a zero on a specific assignment to expulsion from the class with a grade of F. Note that copy/pasting published information, whether it's from your textbook or the Internet, without citing your source is plagiarism and violates this policy. Even if you change the words slightly, the ideas are someone else's so you still have to cite your sources. Cheating, plagiarism, bribery, misrepresentation, conspiracy, and fabrication are defined in Board Rule 6Hx23-4.461. Student Affairs: Academic Honesty Guidelines, Classroom Behavior. http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/catalog/current/stu_affairs_honesty.htm

Academic honesty and plagiarism falls under the <http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/admit/honesty.htm> of the college. The College of Business has implemented a "0" tolerance policy for academic dishonesty and if the student is in violation an "F" the course may be applied, at the instructor's discretion. I strongly encourage each student to review and become familiar with the APA Guidelines for citation.

This policy applies to all work and assignments, tests, and any documents produced for this course.

All quizzes, the midterm and the final exam are open book, however, that does NOT mean open forum. Under no circumstances may students collaborate, in any manner, with one another in taking quizzes, the midterm or the final. That means that you may not discuss any question or any proposed answer with any other student, period. Only after the quiz, midterm, final exam are closed, may you discuss the questions and your answers with other students. Any students who are found to collaborate on quizzes, the midterm, or the final exam will be considered in violation of the school's academic honesty policy and the conduct will be addressed accordingly.

DROPPING THE COURSE:

COLLEGE POLICY REGARDING COURSE DROP/ ADD PERIOD AND AUDIT INFORMATION

Students **CANNOT** add a course following the 1st day the class meets prior to the second class meeting. Students **CAN** drop a course during the 1st week of classes and be eligible for a refund. Except by appeal to an associate provost, students may not change from credit to audit status after the end of the first week of classes. Online classes may be added through the standard drop/add period for that course.

Students may drop a course through the registration process and may receive a refund during the first week of classes. You must drop a course during the first week of class to be eligible for a refund. (See a counselor/advisor to finalize your schedule, so you won't be left without the classes you want or need).

After the first week students need to notify the instructor and then withdraw from the course as faculty will not drop or withdraw students. Please refer to the [academic calendar](#) for the exact dates and also review the materials there.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY:

FEDERAL GUIDELINES RELATED TO FINANCIAL AID AND TOTAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE

<http://www.spcollege.edu/central/SSFA/HomePage/hdiasbs.htm>

The U.S. Department of Education requires students who completely withdraw prior to the 60% point of the term and who receive Federal financial aid i.e., Federal Pell Grant, Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), Federal Stafford Loan, and/or Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant SEOG--to repay a portion of their financial aid.

Students considering a withdrawal from all classes before the published withdrawal date should consult a financial assistance counselor to understand their options and the consequences of the total withdrawal. For further information regarding this policy and other financial assistance policies we encourage you to visit our website at:

www.spcollege.edu/getfunds

COLLEGE LEVEL ACADEMIC SKILLS TEST (CLAST) CHANGES

During the 2009 legislative session, the Legislature repealed the Florida Statutes relating to the College-Level Academic Skills Test (CLAST) and eliminated funding for the test. As of July 1, 2009, students will no longer be required to take the CLAST. However, to earn an A.A. degree or transfer to a bachelor's program, you must still demonstrate college-level proficiency in English language skills, reading, writing/essay and computation skills.

If you have passed any of the CLAST subtests before July 1, 2009, you have met the requirements in those designated areas. If you have not previously passed the CLAST subtests see the following link for alternatives: <http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/CLAST.htm>.

DUAL ENROLLMENT, EARLY ADMISSIONS,& EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

A Dual Enrollment, Early Admissions, or Early College student may not withdraw from any college course without permission from the Early College/Dual Enrollment office. Withdrawal from a course may jeopardize the student's graduation from high school. The Dual Enrollment office can be reached at 727 712-5281 (TS), 727 791-5970 (CL) or 727 394-6000 (SE).

<http://www.spcollege.edu/central/de/index.htm>

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students may be required to have discussions of class assignments and share papers and other class materials with instructors and classmates via chat rooms and other mechanisms. Due to the potential piracy of students' materials, the College is not responsible for student work posted on the Internet (outside of the college's Learning Management System, currently ANGEL).

Each student's behavior in the classroom or online is expected to contribute to a positive learning/teaching environment, respecting the rights of others and their opportunity to learn. No student has the right to interfere with the teaching/learning process, including the posting of inappropriate materials on chatroom or Web page sites.

The instructor has the authority to ask a disruptive student to leave a classroom or lab. The instructor may also delete posts or materials from an online or blended class and/or take disciplinary action if disruptive behavior continues.

ONLINE STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The practices of courtesy and respect that apply in the on-campus classroom also apply online. Any discriminatory, derogatory, or inappropriate comments are unacceptable and subject to the same disciplinary action applied in courses offered on campus.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you wish to request accommodations as a student with a documented disability please make an appointment with the Learning Specialist on campus. If you will need assistance during an emergency classroom evacuation, please contact your campus learning specialist immediately about arrangements for your safety. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities can be reached at 791-2628 or 791-2710 (CL and EPI), 341-4758 (SP/G), 394-6289 (SE), 712-5789 (TS), 341-3721 (HEC), 341-4532 (AC), or 341-7965 (DT). <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/ossd>

If you wish to receive special accommodations as a student with a documented disability, please make an appointment with the Learning Specialist on the Clearwater, Tarpon Springs, or St. Petersburg sites. If you have a documented hearing loss, please contact the Program for the Deaf at 791-2628 (V/TDD).

Clearwater	Stefanie Silver	AD 122	791-2710
St. Petersburg/ Gibbs	Gene Oskamp	AD 120	341-4316
Tarpon Springs	Barbara Thompson	Counseling	712-5789
Seminole	Colleen Coyle	SE 112	394-6108

Tutoring Assistance:

1. Tutoring assistance will be available on line and on site at Learning Support Center in Clearwater. Please check the tutoring center for times and availability.
2. NOTE: Tutoring assistance is available ONLY in general areas such as writing and math. There is NO SPECIFIC TUTOR for The Laws and Legal Aspects of IT Security or any tutor that helps specifically with you learning the law.

TUTORS: Also, The College of Technology and Management will post tutor and library

assistance hours each modmester in the Student Commons for the Learning Resource Center at EPI-Center.

2. Gloria Acero

Technical Assistance:

Help Desk Hours –

Monday through Thursday 7 A.M. to 11 P.M.

Friday 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

Saturday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Sunday 12 P.M. to 5 P.M.

Email: helpdesk@spjc.edu

Phone: (727) 791-2795