BLAW 205  
Legal Environment of Business  
Fall 2015  

MW 4:00-5:15  Tate 315

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to emphasize the legal environment of business and the pluralistic nature of the economy of the United States. The principal federal and state regulations as well as common law relationships applicable to businesses are presented to provide the student with an understanding of the limitations and consequences of business decisions, as well as the social and ethical responsibilities implicit in decision making. Topics to be covered include: introduction to law and legal system; white collar crimes and torts; ethics and social responsibility; negligence and product liability; administrative law; law of agency, partnership, corporations, and securities; ownership of real and personal property; bailments; overview of real and personal property; and overview of antitrust. Prerequisite: sophomore standing.

COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

(1) To introduce students to the legal framework within which businesses must operate; Global and Civic Responsibility

(2) To provide students with an awareness of the legal limitations and consequences of strategic business decisions; Intellectual Innovation and Creativity

(3) To introduce students to the social and ethical implications and responsibilities of business operating within this framework. Global and Civic Responsibility

(4) To challenge students to communicate in a professional manner through verbal and written assignments using current technological tools. Communication Skills
RELEVANT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Effective Communications: Students will write professional documents that are technically correct and concise and make effective presentations utilizing technological tools and ability utilizing relevant discipline specific knowledge.

Ethical Awareness: Students will recognize and be able to appraise ethical dilemmas involved in business decisions and competently engage in discourse aimed at resolution of these dilemmas utilizing relevant discipline specific knowledge.

Problem Solving Ability: Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills in identifying and evaluating problems and opportunities in the business environment and apply analytical techniques to formulate creative solutions utilizing relevant discipline specific knowledge.

COURSE MATERIALS

- Additional materials on OAKS.

COMMUNICATION

All course communications will be made via OAKS. Check OAKS for news regarding problems, homework, exams, class cancellations, etc.

EVALUATION

There will be three exams. Each exam will be worth 25% of your grade (75% total). The remaining 25% will be Connect homework and any additional assignments and/or quizzes assigned. Your Connect grade will be determined at 1:00pm on the day of the exam i.e., the Connect homework must be completed before the exam.

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The following grading scale will be used as a guideline in assigning grades.

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EXAMS

- Exams should take no more than 45 minutes. You will have 90 minutes for the exam.
- Each exam will be “curved,” if necessary, to a mean of 75.
- With an excused and documented absence, a student may take one “alternative” exam during the semester.
- The student is responsible for notifying me within 24 hours of the missed exam.
- Alternative exams are not curved and must be completed within 3 days of the original exam at the instructor’s convenience.
- Relieve yourself before the exam. If you leave the exam room, the exam will be considered over.
• There is no final exam.
• There is no extra credit.

ATTENDANCE

• If you aren’t in class, you can’t participate!
• The reserves the right to give participation points during class which will be added to your exam.
• If you miss a class, it is YOUR responsibility to get with one of your classmates to find out what you missed.

PROFESSIONALISM & PRIVACY

• Please turn off your cell phones at the beginning of class.
• Texting, sleeping and chatting (during lecture) are “frowned” upon!
• I will not give grades to your parents, family, or friends without your written permission.
• No recording of class discussions, video or audio, will be allowed without my written permission.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON HONOR CODE AND ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Lying, cheating, attempted cheating, and plagiarism are violations of our Honor Code that, when identified, are investigated. Each incident will be examined to determine the degree of deception involved.

Incidents where the instructor determines the student’s actions are related more to a misunderstanding will handled by the instructor. A written intervention designed to help prevent the student from repeating the error will be given to the student. The intervention, submitted by form and signed both by the instructor and the student, will be forwarded to the Dean of Students and placed in the student’s file.

Cases of suspected academic dishonesty will be reported directly by the instructor and/or others having knowledge of the incident to the Dean of Students. A student found responsible by the Honor Board for academic dishonesty will receive a XF in the course, indicating failure of the course due to academic dishonesty. This grade will appear on the student’s transcript for two years after which the student may petition for the X to be expunged. The F is permanent. The student may also be placed on disciplinary probation, suspended (temporary removal) or expelled (permanent removal) from the College by the Honor Board.

Students should be aware that unauthorized collaboration--working together without permission-- is a form of cheating. Unless the instructor specifies that students can work together on an assignment, quiz and/or test, no collaboration during the completion of the assignment is permitted. Other forms of cheating include possessing or using an unauthorized
study aid (which could include accessing information via a cell phone or computer), copying from others’ exams, fabricating data, and giving unauthorized assistance.

Research conducted and/or papers written for other classes cannot be used in whole or in part for any assignment in this class without obtaining prior permission from the instructor.

Students can find the complete Honor Code and all related processes in the Student Handbook at: http://studentaffairs.cofc.edu/honor-system/studenthandbook/index.php

SNAP

Students with documented disabilities, needing additional exam time or other reasonable accommodation, should apply for services at the Center for Disability Services located on the first floor of the Lightsey Center, Suite 104. Please notify me of any accommodation required at least one week prior to the exam.

CENTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING

I encourage you to utilize the Center for Student Learning’s (CSL) academic support services for assistance in study strategies and course content. They offer tutoring, Supplemental Instruction, study skills appointments, and workshops. Students of all abilities have become more successful using these programs throughout their academic career and the services are available to you at no additional cost. For more information regarding these services please visit the CSL website at http://csl.cofc.edu or call (843)953-5635.

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Exam Dates are tentative and subject to change depending on course progress.

Other Important Dates

- Oct 19 & 20: Fall Break
- Oct 29: Last day to withdraw with a W
- Nov 25-27: Thanksgiving
- Dec 7: Last day of class