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Recommended Text material: Anderson’s Business Law and the Legal Environment, by Twomey, Jennings and Greene, 23rd edition, Cengage Publishing. ISBN:978-1-305-57511-0 or loose leaf edition ISBN: 978-1-305-87032-1. This is the textbook for all BLAW 205 sections. I have a copy on reserve at Addlestone Library reference desk under my name. I do not require the text for class. Professor’s powerpoint slides of lectures will be posted to oaks.

Course 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
This course will give the student a general understanding of the legal environment of business as well as the basic legal precepts and regulatory framework that impact business. Students should be able to identify basic legal issues in the business context.

School of Business Learning Goals:

This course will give students the ability to recognize and be able to appraise ethical issues involved in making a strategic business decision. This course will give students a necessary tool for critical thinking in identifying and evaluating problems and opportunities faced in the business environment. Students will be asked to communicate through article presentations thus challenging them to communicate effectively. Students will engage in small group work designed to exercise their problem solving ability.

How things will work:

This class will meet 12 times from May 13-May 30 with May 27 being a holiday.

Each day after the first day will begin with a quiz based on the previous day’s material. Thirty minutes will be allocated for the quiz. You cannot leave during the quiz unless you turn in your paper. All cellphones and electronics will be turned off during the quiz period. Quizzes will come from the lectures, daily briefings, and in class assignments (i.e. everything that happens in class is fair game). Quizzes will be short answer and objective in nature with some critical thinking. You will be given the opportunity to take 11 quizzes. Only 9 of these quizzes will count towards your final grade thus allowing for absences and other issues. The average of quizzes taken (** top nine if you have taken more than 9**) will account for 70% of your final grade.

After the quiz we will spend the next 30 minutes or so engaged in a daily briefing of current events relevant to business. Due to the time constraints of Maymester, students will be assigned a date to present an article to the class, on some days more than one student will present. On the presentation date the student will turn in a one page summary of the article noting its source and date, summarizing the facts and explaining why the article is important to business law: articles must be current, i.e. within a week or two of the class period in which they are discussed. The class will discuss the article, focusing on how business law principles are applied in the business world. Daily briefing will count 20% of your final grade. Your grade will be based on your article presentation, your one page summary (must be well written with no spelling or grammatical errors) and on your participation during the semester as we discuss all the articles. The purpose of daily briefing is to apply class material to real world situations and demonstrate its’ value to the student. This is how you personalize your educational experience.

After daily brief we will cover the day’s material through lecture and discussion. From time to time an in class small group assignment may be made. These are not scheduled.
This in class group work will be assigned that class period. It will count for 10% of your final grade. It cannot be made up. It will be graded on completion and participation. Due to the nature of Maymester the number of in class group work assignments will vary.

The student will be expected to read assigned material and participate in class discussions. Although there is no formal attendance policy, students are encouraged to attend not only for these in class assignments but for the benefit of lectures and discussions: students who attend class regularly get better final grades than students who do not. This is a short semester so missing one class is equal to missing one to two weeks of a regular semester.

The final grade will be computed as follows:

Final Grade: Quizzes (top 9)  70%
               Daily Briefing  20%
               Small Group    10%

Grading Scale: 95-100 = A, 90-94 = A-, 87-89 = B+, 80-83 = B-, 77-79= C+,
74-76 = C, 70-73 = C-, 69-67= D+, 64-66 = D, 60-63 = D-, 59 and below = F.

Policies and guidelines:

A student must have sophomore standing to be in this class.

Students are expected to act appropriately in class. Cell phones and all electronics should be turned off. Students should be respectful of their colleagues and the forum, i.e. your conduct in class should not be disruptive.

During quizzes students may not leave unless they turn in their paper. You cannot leave during a thirty-minute exam and come back and work on it some more. Please attend to personal business before quizzes. Once you complete your quiz you may leave to stretch your legs: you must turn in your paper and leave quietly so as not to disturb those who are still taking the quiz.

I advise you to download the powerpoint slides of my lectures, posted on oaks, before class in the form that will assist you in taking notes; i.e. the outline view or handout view. Bring them to class and during lecture take notes on them. This will help you study for quizzes.

Due to the nature of this course, no recording of class discussions, video or audio, will be allowed without getting all the necessary permissions. No photography will be allowed without permission. The professor recognizes that she and her students have a copyright interest in their work product.
Please do not rely on extra credit to get by because I rarely give extra credit. All the credit you will ever need to do well in this class is on this syllabus: read the assignments, come to class, take good notes, present article and summary, and ask questions. If you are experiencing trouble during the semester please come see me about it or e mail me if you cannot come by the office. Do not wait until the last minute.

Students should have an active College e mail account. These accounts can be set up to forward to other addresses but you must check for official notifications from the College.

Quizzes cannot be made up. The grading allows for absences.

If a student anticipates the need for any type of special accommodation during the course of the semester that student must inform the professor during the first week of class so that accommodation can be reached. Students are responsible for supplying the necessary documentation during the first week of class in support of any accommodation.

**Academic Honesty:**

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 be 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 by both 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 an 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 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 stored on a cell phone), 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://www.cofc.edu/generaldocuments/handbook.pdf

Schedule of Events: Semester begins Monday May 13

May 13: Introduction…. What is the law? How things will work. Daily Brief: Me Ch. 4 The Constitution as Foundation

May 14: Quiz 1 Daily Brief: Ch. 1 Source of Law

May 15: Quiz 2 DB: Ch. 2 Judicial System and Dispute Resolution

May 16: Quiz 3 DB: Ch. 3 Business Ethics

May 17: Quiz 4 DB: Ch. 12-15 Contracts

May 20: Quiz 5 DB: Ch. 12-15 Contracts

May 21: Quiz 6
DB:

Ch. 8 Torts and Product Liability

May 22: Quiz 7
DB:
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May 23: Quiz 8
DB:
Intellectual Property

May 24: Quiz 9
DB:
Ch. 40 Corporations

May 27: MEMORIAL DAY

May 28: Quiz 10
DB:
Ch. 38 Employment

May 29: Quiz 11
Ch. 38 Employment

May 30: Quiz 12
Last Class

The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus as needed.