COURSE INFORMATION

Credit Hours: 3

Course Overview: The Legal Environment of Business is a survey course covering fundamental legal and ethical principles relevant to business practice.

Course Catalog: For more information on the business law curriculum at the College of Charleston School of Business, see the course catalogue here: http://catalog.cofc.edu/

Program Objectives: For information on the School of Business mission and learning goals, click here: http://sb.cofc.edu/officeofthedean/facultyresources/mission.php

Course Prerequisites: Sophomore standing

Course Location and Time: This course will be delivered entirely online. While most course delivery is relayed asynchronously, designated times for periodic synchronous Zoom meeting are M-F 12:00 pm – 1:45 pm.

FACULTY INFORMATION

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COURSE MATERIALS

Primary materials

Lecture notes with Voice Threads, Zoom Q&A sessions, activities, model answers, and other materials posted on Oaks.

Supplemental textbook

Mayer, Warner, and Siedel, BUSINESS LAW AND THE LEGAL ENVIRONMENT, (Saylor 2012). This textbook is available as a free and open-access document at the following link: https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/textbooks/business-law-and-the-legal-environment

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

This course will be delivered online via the Oaks platform. Lecture notes will be paired with Voice Thread lectures, and other documents such as activities, model answers, and discussion board posts. Live zoom Q&A sessions will also be used as a supplement. While some activities for the course are ungraded, they provide critical opportunities for self-study and feedback.

Note that the textbook for the course is for use only as a supplement to the other material provided on Oaks. The tentative course outline below indicates chapters that cover similar material to those found in the lectures and activities, but in preparation for quizzes and exams, primary attention should be given to the materials posted on Oaks rather than the textbook.

GRADE CRITERIA

Grades for the course are determined by student performance on 5 online quizzes and 3 exams (including the final exam).

Exams

Each exam is worth 25% of the final grade. Exams uses a combination of multiple-choice and short discussion formats.

Quizzes

Each online quiz is worth 5% of the final grade. The 5 quizzes are cumulatively worth 25% of the final grade.
Letter Grades

Letter grades are assigned at the end of the course using the following formula:

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COURSE POLICIES

Quiz and Exam Dates

Quiz and exam dates are listed below in the course outline. Students must take quizzes and exams on the dates and times they are scheduled. A student who does not take a quiz or exam on the date and time it is scheduled will receive a “zero” for that exam. Make up quizzes and exams are not available. The sole exception is an extraordinary and legitimate emergency as determined by the Professor’s sole discretion. In such circumstances, the emergency must be properly documented and the student must inform the Professor immediately. The circumstances are analyzed on a case-by-case basis by the Professor with possible consultation of CofC administrators. Legitimate emergencies do not include employment obligations, schedule conflicts, minor illnesses, or other similar circumstances.

Computer and Internet Access

Students will need consistent internet and computer access to complete this course.

Zoom Policy

During live zoom meetings, please activate the video feed to foster a group learning environment.

Attendance

There is no attendance record for this course since it will be administered online, but consistent attendance and participation is expected.

Extra Credit

There is no extra credit for this course (please don’t ask).
CofC Honor Code and Academic Integrity Statement

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 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/honorsystem/studenthandbook/index.php

Reasonable Accommodation Statement:

The College of Charleston abides by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have a documented disability that may have some impact on your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please see an administrator at the Center of Disability Services/SNAP (843) 953-1431.

Syllabus Amendments

The policies and information contained in this syllabus are subject to amendment at the sole discretion of the Professor.
COURSE OUTLINE

Week 1: (June 7 - June 10)
Part I, Section I: The Constitution and Federalism

*Quiz 1 June 9*

Part I, Section II: The Court Systems

Week 2: (June 13 – June 17)
Part I, Section II: The Court Systems (continued)

*Quiz 2 June 14*

Part I, Section III: Civil Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

*Exam 1 June 17*

Week 3: (June 20 – June 24)
Part II, Section I: Negligence and Intentional Torts

*Quiz 3 June 22*

Part II, Section II: Products Liability

*Quiz 4 June 24*

Week 4: (June 27 – July 1)
Part II, Section II: Vicarious Liability and Business Entities

*Exam 2 June 28*

Part III, Section I: Contracts

*Quiz 5 July 1*

Week 5: (July 5 - July 7)
Part III: Section II: Employment Law

*Exam 3 July 7*