# BA 226: BUSINESS LAW

### Winter 2023 CRN: 331055

Online

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## Required text:

Contemporary Business Law 8th Edition; Henry Cheeseman, Pearson, 2016 ISBN: 10 0-13-

357816-X, e-text, or hardcopy.

## Course objectives:

This course introduces the framework of the law as it affects business, including the origins of the American Legal System, how the law operates, and how it is enforced. It covers legal regulation of business, administrative law, (rules and regulations), Constitutional law, civil (torts) and criminal law, the formation of contracts, Commercial law, employment law, business organizations, Environmental law, real property, intellectual property, and consumer rights.

## Course outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

Explain the origins of the American legal system. Apply elements of law to specific individual and business scenarios. Understand the requirements for a valid contract and apply those requirements to specific contractual activities. Recognize the interconnectedness of the legal system to business, society and the environment. Explain the impact of the the uniform commercial code, UCC, on the business environment.

## Class Schedule (Tentative)

**Week Chapters**

1 1, 2, 3

2 4, 5, 6

3 9, 10, 11

4 12, 14

5 16, 17, 18, 20

6 21, 22, 23, 24

7 26, 27, 28

8 29, 30, 33

9 34, 35, 36

10 7, 37, 38

## Course Grades

Students receive a letter grade based on the total points they earn during the term.

The grading scale is:

A = 90 -100% of points

B = 80 – 89% of points

C = 70 – 79% of points

D = 60 – 69% of points

F = 0 – 59% of points

## Opportunities for earning points are:

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| Assignment | Points per Assignment | Quantity | Total  |
| Weekly Writing Assignment | 60 | 10 | 600 |
| Weekly Quiz | 30 | 10 | 300 |
| Midterm | 200 | 1 | 200 |
| Case Study | 100 | 1 | 100 |
| Final Exam | 200 | 1 | 200 |
|  |  |  | 1400 |

**All assignments are posted and either turned in on or completed on Moodle.**

### Weekly Writing Assignment:

The Weekly Writing Assignment questions are posted on Moodle. Please answer the questions on a Word document and turn them in on Moodle

### Weekly Quizzes:

Quizzes are true/false questions with a 60-minute time limit. You have two attempts per quiz, and I will take your best score for grade calculation.

### Case Study:

The Case Study will open the 5th week, and it is due the last week of the quarter.

### Exams:

Exams questions are multiple-choice; if you cannot take an exam on the scheduled week, you

must notify me in advance so we can make alternate arrangements. You will have two attempts per exam with a 110-minute time limit, and I will take your best score for grade calculation. The Midterm is scheduled for the 4th week, and the Final Exam during finals week.

### Case Study:

Students will choose a case during the 5th week. The analysis will use the “How to Brief a Case” document posted on Moodle. The assignment will provide the chance to both apply points of law and to explore ethical viewpoints on a legal decision. As in any business document, proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation are essential. All written assignments are typed

doubled spaced, limited to 3 pages, and submitted on Moodle.

Late Work and Extra Credit

Late work is not accepted without prior arrangement or an emergency. I do not assign extra credit.

## Academic Integrity:

Students are expected to follow LBCC policies regarding academic integrity as articulated in the Students’ Rights Responsibilities and Conduct Policy. <http://www.linnbenton.edu/current-students/administrationinformation/policies/students-rights-responsibilities-and-conduct>

You will receive an F (failing grade) in this course if you are found to be involved in academic dishonesty.

## Accommodations:

Students who may need accommodations due to documented disabilities, or who have medical information that the instructor should know, or who need special arrangements in an emergency should speak with the instructor during the first week of class. If you think you may need accommodation services, please contact the Center for Accessibility Resources, 917-4789.

## Classroom Etiquette:

Please be respectful of your fellow students and your instructor. Refrain from activities that detract from the learning environment.

## Nondiscrimination Policy:

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(See Administrative Rule No. E029 and Board Policy Series No. 6090.)

## Center for Accessibility Resources:

LBCC is committed to inclusiveness and equal access to higher education. If you have approved accommodations through the Center for Accessibility Resources (CFAR) and would like to use your accommodations in this class, please talk to your instructor as soon as possible to discuss your needs. If you believe you may need accommodations but are not registered with CFAR, please go to <http://linnbenton.edu/cfar> for steps on how to apply for services or call 541-917-4789.

## Syllabus:

This syllabus is a guide, not a contract. Class schedule (topics covered) and assignments are subject to change. Any changes made are announced via Moodle. It is your responsibility to track your progress in this class; grades are not posted online.