

**BA 226: BUSINESS LAW**

Spring 2015; CRN: 45530

Mondays &amp; Wednesdays 3:00pm - 4:20pm; MKH 118

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**Required text:** *Essentials of Business Law 5<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Beatty and Samuelson. Cengage Learning 2015. ISBN: 978-1-285-42700-3. Either an e-text or hardcopy can be used. Please be sure to buy the correct edition, as there are several texts with similar titles.

**Course objectives:**

This course introduces the framework of the law as it affects a business, including the origins of the American Legal system, how the law operates and how it is enforced. It covers legal regulation of business, including civil and criminal law, formation of contracts, employment law, environmental regulation, real estate and consumer rights.

**Class Schedule**

Week	Date	Chapter*	Topic	Assignment due
1	Mar 30	1	Introduction	
	Apr 1	3	Dispute resolution	
2	Apr 6	4	Types of law	
	Apr 8	5	Types of law, continued	
3	Apr 13	6, 7	Torts, crime	<b>Writing Assignment 1</b>
	Apr 15		<b>Exam on Unit 1</b>	
4	Apr 20	9	Contracts	
	Apr 22	10, 11	Agreement & consideration	
5	Apr 27	12, 13	Legality, Capacity & consent	
	Apr 30	14	Written contracts	
6	May 4	15	Third parties	<b>Writing Assignment 2</b>
	May 6	16, 17	Performance & discharge, remedies	
7	May 11	18	Practical contracts; contracts review	
	May 13		<b>Exam on Unit 2</b>	
8	May 18	25	Agency	
	May 20	26, 27	Employment	
9	May 25		<b>NO CLASS</b>	
	May 27	28	Starting a business	<b>Writing Assignment 3</b>
10	Jun 1	33	Intellectual property	
	Jun 3	34	Real property	
11	June 10; Wednesday		<b>Final Exam 3:00 – 4:50 pm</b>	

**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:**

	Points
Exam 1	50
Exam 2	75
Exam 3	50
Writing assignments (3 at 25 points each)	75
In class assignments & homework (5 at 15 points each)	75
Class participation	25
Total possible points	350

**\*Chapter reading assignments:**

1. Read chapter(s) before class.
2. Come to class with answers to the five multi-choice questions found at the end of each chapter.
3. You are responsible for the contents of assigned chapters whether covered in class or not.

**Exams:**

Exams questions are multiple choice, true/false and short answer essay. If you cannot take an exam on the scheduled date you must notify me in advance so alternate arrangements can be made. You must have compelling and documented circumstances, in order to be eligible, at my discretion, to make-up a missed exam.

**Writing assignments:**

Students write two short essays (one to two pages) during the term. These essays give you the chance to both apply points of law and to explore your ethical viewpoint on current issues. As in any business document, proper spelling, grammar, and punctuation are important. All written assignments must be type-written, printed and submitted in class on the due date. Written assignments turned in electronically or after their due date receive a point deduction of 25%. Late assignments must be submitted by the due date for the subsequent writing assignment, or in the case of writing assignment 3, by the last day of class.

- **Writing Assignment 1;** Discuss Executive Orders.
- **Writing Assignment 2;** Article review; details provided in class.
- **Writing Assignment 3;** Discuss Eminent Domain, referencing a current example.

**In-class and homework activities:**

In-class and homework activities, worth 15 points each, are assigned throughout the term. These activities are not announced in advance. Examples of activities are quizzes, written responses to news items or end of chapter questions. Missed activities cannot be made up, however only the scores from the five highest activities count toward the maximum 75 points.

**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/administration-information/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 which 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 Center for Accessibility Resources, 917-4789.

**Classroom Etiquette:**

Please be respectful of your fellow students and your instructor, and refrain from activities that detract from the learning environment. Electronic devices must be in silent mode, and should not be used without approval of the instructor.

**Contacting you instructor:**

If you need to contact me outside of class time please use your LBCC email account ([@mail.linnbenton.edu](mailto:@mail.linnbenton.edu)) to contact me at my LBCC account (rockb@linnbenton.edu).

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

**Syllabus:**

This syllabus is a guide, not a contract. Class schedule (topics covered) and assignments are subject to change. Any changes made are announced in class.

It is your responsibility to track your progress in this class, grades are not posted online.

<b>Track your points:</b>	points possible	your points
Exam 1	50	_____
Exam 2	75	_____
Exam 3	50	_____
Writing Assignment 1	25	_____
Writing Assignment 2	25	_____
Writing Assignment 3	25	_____
In-class activity 1	15	_____
In-class activity 2	15	_____
In-class activity 3	15	_____
In-class activity 4	15	_____
In-class activity 5	15	_____
<i>(In-class activity 6)</i>		_____
Class participation	25	_____
Total	<u>350</u>	_____