

Departmental Course Syllabus

Business Department * Academic Instruction Center Suite 325 **Revision:** Spring 2009
San Antonio College * 1300 San Pedro Avenue * San Antonio, TX 78212-4299

Course Number and Title: BUSI 2301 – Business Law I

Credit Hours: 3

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I. Catalog Description:

This course surveys the legal environment of American business. Major areas of content include the origins of law, government, regulation of business, personal property law, contract law, and domestic and international sales law (with emphasis on the Uniform Commercial Code).

II. Pre-requisites, co-requisites and other requirements:

Sophomore Standing

III. Text and/or Other Requirements:

The Legal & E-Commerce Environment Today; 5th ed. Miller / Southwestern

IV: Methods of Instruction:

Lecture, assignments, tests and class discussions.

V: Course Content:

This course addresses the principles of law which form the legal framework for business activity.

VI: Learning Outcome:

Learning Outcome 1: The student will be able to discuss the legal environment in which business transactions are negotiated and completed.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify on a written examination the characteristics of the principal origins of American law.
2. Name on a written examination the various kinds of state and federal courts.
3. Identify on a written examination the governmental regulatory agencies and their functions.
4. Describe on a written examination the sources of ethics and the relationship of ethics and social responsibility to the business

environment.

5. Differentiate on a written examination criminal law from civil law as applied to business.

Learning Outcome 2: The student will be able to apply the concepts of tort law to business.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Define and properly use on a written examination and in case studies terminology used in Tort law.
2. Discuss on a written examination the elements of negligence.
3. Define cyber tort, and discuss how tort theories are being applied in cyberspace. This outcome will be demonstrated on a written examination and in case studies.

Learning Outcome 3: The student will be able to discuss the elements necessary to create an enforceable contract and the remedies available for breach of contract.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify on a written examination the necessary elements of a valid contract.
2. Identify on a written examination and in case studies several basic contract types.
3. Identify the methods and means of discharging a business contract. This will be demonstrated on a written examination.
4. Explain on a written examination and in case studies the type of breach necessary to cause contractual breakdown.
5. Discuss on a written examination the different types of damages that may be available on the breach of a contract.
6. Discuss on a written examination and in case studies some important clauses to include when making offers to form electronic contracts.

Learning Outcome 4: The student will be able to explain the concepts of warranty, product liability, and consumer protection.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Understand the sale of personal property and the risk, obligations, product warranties and remedies in the event of a breach of sales contract. This outcome will be assessed through case studies and group assignments.
2. Understand secured transactions with uniform commercial code application. This outcome will be assessed through case studies.

Learning Outcome 5: The student will be able to distinguish the various forms of business organizations.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Distinguish on a written examination the different forms of business organizations.
2. List on a written examination the advantages and disadvantages of the various form of business organization.

SCANS Competencies: SCANS Skills that will be taught in this course include: acquires & evaluates information (C5), interprets & communicates information (C7). Foundation skills included are: reading, (F1), writing (F2), listening (F5), creative thinking (F7), decision-making (F8), problem-solving (F9), seeing things in the mind's eye (F10), knowing how to learn (F11), reasoning (F12), responsibility (F13), self-esteem (F14), self-management (F16), and integrity/honesty (F17).

VII: Course requirements and grade computation:

A. College Requirements:

1. A written comprehensive final examination, not to exceed three hours in length, shall be given at the end of each semester for each course at the regularly scheduled time. Any exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the appropriate dean. Other examinations are given at the discretion of the instructor.

A student who must be absent from a final examination should petition that instructor for permission to post pone the examination. A student absent without permission from a final examination is graded "F". Postponed examination result in a grade of "I". The final exam must be taken within 120 calendar days from the end of the semester or the grade automatically becomes an "F". (San Antonio College Bulletin, Faculty Handbook – January 1995)

B. Departmental Requirement:

Workload: Students are responsible for reading and studying each chapter PRIOR TO class lecture and discussion of the chapter. **THIS IS VERY CRITICAL.** Your success in this class is dependent upon your continued commitment to maintaining a daily study time outside the classroom. You must stay current.

C. Instructor Requirements: Varies

Grading Scale:

A	=	90	-	100
B	=	80	-	89
C	=	70	-	79
D	=	60	-	69
F	=	Below 60		

VIII: College Policies:

- A. San Antonio College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability with respect to access, employment programs or services.
- B. “Students are urged not to bring children to either a class or a lab. Minors under the age of twelve (12) must not be left unattended on campus.”
College Academic Council – April, 1998
- C. ADA Statement: “As per Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if accommodation is needed contact the Office of DisABILITY Support Services, CAC 124C, Phone: (210) 733-2347”
- D. A Rapid Response Team exists for the purpose of responding to emergencies. If you have a disability that will require assistance in the event of a building evacuation, notify Disability Support Services, Chance Academic Center 124C, Phone: (210) 733-2347.
- E. Academic Dishonesty: Students may be subject to disciplinary proceedings resulting in an academic penalty or disciplinary penalty for academic dishonesty. Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating on a text, plagiarism and collusion. For additional information refer to the “Student Code of Conduct”: in the San Antonio College Bulletin.
- F. Students are required to silence all electronic devices (e.g., pagers, cellular phones, etc.) when in classrooms, laboratories and the library. College Academic Council, 01/2000.
- G. San Antonio College Attendance Policy: Regular and punctual attendance is required. A student absent for any reason is responsible for all work

missed. Absences are recorded from the first day of class. A student absent the equivalent of two weeks of instruction, may be dropped by the instructor with a grade of "W." Both tardiness and early departure from class are forms of absenteeism. The instructor establishes the policy with regard for each.

H. San Antonio College is a smoke free campus.

I. ACCD DPS Emergency Phone Numbers:

ACCD DPS Emergency Phone (210) 222-0911

ACCD DPS General Phone (210) 208-8099

ACCD DPS Weather Phone (210) 208-8189 – (For information on college closures)

J. Students must also abide by the policies, procedures, and rules set forth in the "Student Code of Conduct" and all other policies set forth in the San Antonio College Bulletin.

www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/schedule/SAC_Bulletin_05-06.pdf

IX. Miscellaneous Information

1. Retention Period For Student Work, Exams, etc:

Student papers and exams will be retained for one semester after the completion of the course.

2. Business Department

For degree plans, general syllabi outlines, and other information on your current course and faculty, please visit the Business Department website at: <http://www.accd.edu/sac/business> or contact us at (210) 733-2700.

3. Business Computer Lab

The Business Computer Lab is a student lab that is open to any Business Department student majoring in any of the departments programs and/or taking any department course. For more information, please contact the BCL at (210) 785-6058 or visit us on the web at <http://www.accd.edu/sac/business/lab>.