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COURSE SYLLABUS INFORMATION

SEMESTER/YEAR: Spring 2010

INSTRUCTOR: Charles A. Hurth

COURSE INFORMATION

NUMBER & SECTION: BUS 641-01

TITLE: Legal Environment Of Business

MEETINGS: Monday 6:00 - 9:50 P.M. (One Thursday 6:00 - 9:50 P.M.)

DATES: 1/11, 1/21, 1/25, 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, 3/1

LOCATION: ABAC 2245

CREDIT HOURS: 3

REQUIRED TEXT: LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
By: Reed - Shedd - Pagnattaro - Morehead
Publisher: McGraw - Hill 15th Edition, 2009

PREREQUISITE: None

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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SYLLABUS
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY
GRADUATE

COURSE: BUS 641 - LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS

TEXTBOOK: LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
Reed, Shedd, Morehead & Pagnattaro
McGraw - Hill Fourteenth Edition

PURPOSE: The purpose of the course is to familiarize the student with the American legal system and how it affects the free enterprise system.

OBJECTIVE: In a business situation, when a legal issue arises, the student should be able to identify the problem and determine what action, if any, is necessary.

PROCEDURE: Class discussion of the assigned chapters and the presentations.

ATTENDANCE: Because successful completion of this course depends largely upon regular class attendance, excessive absences, even if necessary, may deprive the student of a grade that reflects their capabilities, and may even result in failure of the course.

PRESENTATION: Each student will participate in a group of three students to present a topic of the groups choosing to the class. Groups will be formed and topics selected by Session 2 with all presentations completed by the end of Session 7 with no more than two presentations per Session.

GRADES: Final grades are based upon the following criteria, with special emphasis on the final exam.

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| Participation | 20 points |
| Presentation | 40 points |
| Mid Term Exam | 40 points |
| Final Exam | <u>100 points</u> |
| Total | 200 Points |

ASSIGNMENTS: Attached

THIS SYLLABUS IS SUBJECT TO REVISION AND/OR CHANGE COMMENSURATE WITH CLASS PROGRESS AND THE DISCRETION OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

AS A COURTESY TO THE OTHER STUDENTS IN THE CLASS, PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME, REMAIN SEATED, AND TURN OFF ANY COMMUNICATION DEVICES.

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ASSIGNMENTS:

SESSION 1: Chapter 1 - Law as the Foundation
Chapter 2 - The Ethical Basis of Law

SESSION 2: Chapter 3 - The Court System
Chapter 4 - Litigation

SESSION 3: Chapter 6 - The Constitution

SESSION 4: Chapter 10 - Torts in Business
Chapter 12 - Criminal Law and Business

SESSION 5: Chapter 19- Agency and Employment Law
Chapter 20 - Discrimination in Employment
Chapter 21 - Labor - Management Relationship
MID TERM EXAM

SESSION 6: Presentation
Presentation

SESSION 7: Presentation
Presentation

SESSION 8: FINAL EXAM

FINAL GRADE SCALE

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| A | 94% - 100% |
| A- | 90% - 93% |
| B+ | 87% - 89% |
| B | 84% - 86% |
| B- | 80% - 83% |
| C+ | 77% - 79% |
| C | 74% - 76% |
| C- | 70% - 73% |
| D | 60% - 69% |
| F | BELOW 60% |

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PRESENTATION CRITERIA

Content - depth, timeliness

Organization - outline, cases

Application - theory, practice

Creativity - uniqueness, interest

Sources - bibliography, historical, current

Participation - presenters, class

Style - presence, voice quality, grammar, pace, professionalism

Materials - overheads, handouts, props

Each presentation shall be based upon a section of the textbook and the pages thereof are to be announced to the class the week preceding the presentation.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS:

Maryville University provides accommodations and supports for students with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact the course instructor and/or the Director of the Academic Success Center located in the University Library (314-529-6850).