

COURSE SYLLABUS

BUSINESS FINANCE 3500 - LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS

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Course Description: An introduction to American legal institutions and sources of law and an analysis of basic concepts of public and private law related to business decisions. 1.5 credit hrs.

Meeting Time and Location: MW 5:30-6:50, Room 330 Schoenbaum Hall.

Course Objectives: The primary objectives of this course are to provide students with: a) an understanding of the legal framework within which American business operates, b) an introduction to basic concepts of public and private law relevant to business decisions, and c) experience in legal analysis. This course will involve discussion, questions and answers on the materials, and case study. **Class participation will be expected.** Students will be expected to discuss the cases and problems in each chapter covered. Unannounced quizzes may be given.

Primary Textbook: Kubasek, Nancy. *Dynamic Business Law* 4e. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2017. See below for the options on where to get the book. Additional material will be posted on Carmen.

Chapters Covered:

W	2/26	Constitutional Law
M	3/2	Ch 1 Introduction and Ch 3 The U.S. Legal System
W	3/5	Ch 3 The U.S. Legal System (Quiz due 5:30)
M	3/16	Ch 8 Tort Law (Quiz due 5:30)
W	3/18	Ch 9 Negligence and Strict Liability
M	3/23	Midterm*
W	3/25	No class—assigned video lecture on ch. 15/16
M	3/30	Ch 13 and Ch 14 Contracts (Quiz due 5:30)
W	4/1	Ch 17 and Ch 18 Contracts
M	4/6	Ch 20 Contracts (Quiz due 5:30)
W	4/8	Ch 42 Employment Law
M	4/13	Ch 43 Employment Law (Quiz due 5:30)
W	4/15	Ch 35 Bus Organizations and Ch 38 Corporations
M	4/20	Final Exam

* (DATE OF MIDTERM SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON PROGRESS)

Final Exam Monday, April 20 5:30-6:50

<u>Grading:</u> The course grade will consist of:	midterm	30%
	final	45%
	class participation and quizzes	25%.

Attendance: Class discussion and participation will be an important part of this class and cannot occur without attendance. Attendance is not required but will affect your participation grade. If you know you will be absent and believe your absence qualifies as an excused absence (determinations will be made by me on a case-by-case basis), you must notify me **before** the class you will miss. If you have a job interview that cannot be scheduled at a time that will not conflict with class, please provide the name of the employer and name, email address and phone number for a contact person at the employer.

Seating Chart: On the first day of class, we will complete a seating chart, and your seat will then be assigned for the rest of the term. The seating chart will be used to determine class participation points.

Electronic devices: The absence of unnecessary distractions and interruptions is essential for an effective learning environment. Each student must adhere to the following rules regarding the use of electronic devices in the classroom. Your receipt and acceptance of this syllabus is acceptance of these rules.

Electronic device includes cell phones (including smart phones), computers (laptops, notebooks, net books, and handhelds), mp3 and other digital audio and video players (including DVD players), and analog and digital audio and video recording devices (still and movie cameras). A student may not use an electronic device in the classroom without the express permission of the instructor. Laptops may be used to access the book or to follow the powerpoint. Use of cell/smart phones in the classroom is always prohibited, as is leaving the room to answer or make a call.

A student violating the above rules on the use electronic devices in the classroom will be subject to confiscation of the device for the remainder of the class period or dismissal from the class for the day on which the offense occurs. Violations will negatively impact the student's participation grade.

Homework: Homework assignments will be posted on Carmen. You should be prepared to discuss homework questions in class. We may not have time to discuss all questions.

Quizzes: Quizzes will appear on Carmen for many of the class weeks. You will have several days to complete the quiz, and it will cover material to be discussed in class that week. In addition, an unannounced quiz may be given at any time. If you are absent and it is an unexcused absence, you will receive a zero on an unannounced quiz. If it is an excused absence, the quiz points will be redistributed to class participation.

Carmen: Information regarding class will be posted as news items on Carmen. **You are responsible for signing up on Carmen for notifications. You may not claim lack of knowledge of information posted on Carmen or sent through a Carmen email as an excuse for failure to comply with a class requirement.**

If you believe that a score posted on Carmen is not accurate, you must notify me by email within ten days of the date that it was posted. If you fail to notify me within the ten-day period, you agree that the score posted is accurate and give up all rights to contest the score.

Preparation for Class: The University expectation is that students spend two hours outside of class for every hour spent in class. Since this course meets approximately 3 hours per week, you should expect to spend at least 6 hours per week outside of class on course-related work.

Office hours: Because I am adjunct professor, the best way to meet with me is to make an appointment by email. Please identify your section when emailing me. I will also be available before and after class.

Waitlisted students: Students who are waitlisted and seek to enroll must attend class through the first class session of the second week of the semester. After that date, students who have not been added will not be enrolled and may not continue to attend the class. Waitlisted students should contact either the Fisher Undergraduate Program Office or the Department of Finance office if they have any questions regarding the waitlist process.

Disenrollment: University Rule 3335-8-33 provides that a student may be disenrolled after the third instructional day of the semester, the first Friday of the semester, or the student's second class session of the course, whichever occurs first, if the student fails to attend the scheduled course without giving prior notification to the instructor.

Academic misconduct: Academic misconduct will not be tolerated. According to University Rule 3335-31-02, all suspected cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Committee on Academic Misconduct. It is my policy to pursue the most severe penalties available in cases of academic dishonesty. Failure to show up for an exam will result in a zero on the exam.

Disability services: The Office of Disability Services verifies students with specific disabilities and develops strategies to meet the needs of those students. Students requiring accommodations based on identified disabilities should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to discuss his or her individual needs. All students with a specific disability are encouraged to contact the Office of Disability Services to explore the potential accommodations available to them. **Please contact the Office for Disability Services at 614-292-3307 in room 150 Pomerene Hall to coordinate reasonable accommodations if you have a documented disability or would like additional information.**

Book Options: There are several options for purchasing the book. **Please be sure to check the ISBN. There is another book with a similar name.**

Print for bookstore:

Product Discount - KUBASEK DYN BUSN LAW; CNCT 4 2017 ISBN: 9781260213119

This is the link to purchase the print package (with code card) direct \$80

<http://shop.mheducation.com/mhshop/productDetails?isbn=1260213110>

this is a link to the ebook \$70

<http://connect.mheducation.com/class/j-helmreich-kubasek-dynamic-business-law-4e-ebook>

Copy and paste the following link into your browser to find this book at the Barnes and Noble college bookstore. They will price match if you find a cheaper price. ISBN: 9781259723582 (Kubasek Dynamic Business Law, CNCT 4 2017).

<https://tinyurl.com/BUSFIN-3500-29592>

Several copies of the book are on reserve at the Eighteen Avenue Library.