

BUS-COL-BUSFIN-4510-SYLLABUS

BUSINESS FINANCE 4510 - LEGAL BUSINESS ISSUES

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Course Description: An exploration of legal issues affecting business decisions. 1.5 credit hrs.
4725.

Meeting Time and Location: Semester SP23; Thursdays (R) 5:00-7:40PM, classroom is SB 319.
All classes as listed below are currently planned to be held in person, but this is subject to change depending upon Covid19 pandemic instructions.

Course Objectives: The primary objectives of this course are to provide students with an understanding of the legal issues facing American businesses. It will cover issues not covered in BUSFIN 3500 and will provide additional experience in legal analysis. **You should take 3500 prior to taking 4510.** This course will involve discussion and case study.

Primary Textbook: Kubasek, Nancy (first named author among several). *Dynamic Business Law*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2022, latest available edition (6th). See the last page of this Syllabus for the options on where to get the book. Any additional material will be posted on Canvas.

Dates of Classes, and Chapters Covered:

03/02	Ch 11 Liability of Accountants/Ch 12 Intellectual Property	04/06	Ch 32-34 Bankruptcy/Agency
03/09	Ch 21-24 Sales and Lease Contracts	04/13	Ch 41 Securities Law (and catch-up)
03/16	SPRING BREAK, NO CLASS	04/20	Ch 51-52 Insurance, Wills and Trusts
03/23	Ch 10 & 25 Warranties and Product Liability/Midterm*		Wrap up course;
03/30	<u>Essay due by email to jstandley@standleyllp.com; study Ch. 26 Negotiable Instruments, and Ch's. 30-31 Security Interests</u>	04/27	Final Exam*

*(DATES OF MIDTERM EXAM AND FINAL EXAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON PROGRESS AND UNIVERSITY SCHEDULE)

<u>Grading:</u> The course grade will consist of:	midterm	30%
	final	45%
	class attendance/participation	10%
	homework essay	15%

***Final Exam – currently scheduled to occur at 5PM on Thursday of Exam week (it is possible that the Final Exam may be moved to a different evening and if so that will be announced in class and on Canvas, well in advance.)**

Attendance: Attendance 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 by email (see below) **prior** to the class you will miss.

Course technology: For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. Standard support hours are available at ocio.osu.edu/help/hours, and support for urgent issues is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** ocio.osu.edu/help
- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** servicedesk@osu.edu
- **TDD:** 614-688-8743

Baseline technical skills for online courses

- Basic computer and web-browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen: for questions about specific functionality, see the [Canvas Student Guide](#).

Technology skills that may be needed in this course

- [CarmenZoom \(or similar\) virtual meetings](#)
- [Uploading video or audio recordings](#)

Required equipment

- Computer: current (or near current) version Mac or PC with high-speed internet connection
- Webcam: built-in or external webcam, fully installed and tested
- Microphone: built-in laptop or tablet mic or external microphone
- Other: a mobile device (e.g., smartphone or tablet) or landline to use for BuckeyePass authentication

Required software

- [Microsoft Office 365:](#) Ohio State students are eligible for free Microsoft Office 365 through Microsoft's Student Advantage program. Full instructions for downloading and installation can be found [at go.osu.edu/office365help](https://go.osu.edu/office365help).

Carmen access

You will need to use [BuckeyePass](#) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the [BuckeyePass - Adding a Device](#) help article for step-by-step instructions.
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.

Communication: The best way to reach me is by email. Please use both email addresses set forth above when emailing me. If you would like to notify me regarding an absence it should be by email. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that I will remember everything I am told before or after class, so that is why I require an email. Your email should contain both the course number and time of class in the subject line.

Electronic devices: The absence of unnecessary distractions and interruptions being essential for an effective learning environment, each and every student must adhere to the following rules

regarding electronic devices in the both the physical and online classrooms. Your receipt and acceptance of this syllabus shall constitute acceptance of these rules.

Electronic devices include 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). Electronic devices may be used in the classroom for class purposes, such as for online access to the class and for the taking of notes. Volume on any electronic device must be turned off during class time in the physical classroom. No electronic device may be used to record any audio or video of the class without the express permission of the instructor in each instance. Use of cell/smart phones to make or receive calls during class is prohibited.

A student violating the above rules on the use of electronic devices in the classroom shall be subject to dismissal from the class for the day on which the offense occurs and a deduction of participation points.

Homework: Homework assignments will be posted in this Syllabus, and/or on Canvas. Reading the assigned chapters of the text, as shown on this syllabus for each class, are the primary homework assignment to be done in advance of the class, in addition to any other homework that may be assigned. There will be one writing assignment near the middle of the schedule. Details of that assignment will be provided on Canvas and in class as we get further into the semester.

Exams: Failure to show up for a scheduled exam may result in a grade of zero for that exam. If you are absent and it is an unexcused absence you may receive a zero on the exam.

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

If you believe that a score posted on Canvas is not accurate you must notify me by email within five (5) days of the date that it was posted. If you fail to notify me within the five (5) day period you agree that the score posted is accurate and give up all rights to contest the score.

Preparation for Class: The University and College 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 about 6 hours per week outside of class on course-related work.

Office hours: by appointment; however, keep in mind that especially during the pandemic meetings will likely be telephonic. When contacting me by email please put the course number and class time in the subject line.

Waitlisted students: After the second week of class 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. Professors cannot admit students on the waitlist without Department approval.

Disenrollment: University Rules provide that a student may be dis-enrolled at certain times, including after the student's second class session of the course, 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 Rules, all suspected cases of academic misconduct will be reported to the Committee on Academic Misconduct.

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 098 Baker 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. Options include:

1. Purchase entire book online at various websites. ISBN13: 9781260733976.
2. Purchase custom edition at the bookstore.
3. Purchase custom edition at publisher's website. URL: <http://www.mheducation.com>. Price here may be less than the bookstore. Once in the McGraw Hill site, navigate to Higher Education, then to Browse by Discipline, then to Business Law. The site is very user-friendly.
4. Purchase ebook at publisher's website. URL: <http://www.mheducation.com> ISBN13: 9781264208548. Price may be less than print book.

Copies of the book are on reserve at the Eighteenth Avenue Library.