

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. # 4019.

Meeting Time and Location: Semester SP26, Session 2; Thursdays (R) 5:30-8:10PM, classroom is SB 319. **All classes listed below are currently planned to be held in person.**

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 or higher). See the last page of this Syllabus for the options on where to get the book. Any additional material will be posted on Canvas. Do **not** purchase a sister book called The Essentials.

Dates of Classes, and Chapters Covered:

03/05	Ch 11 Liability of Accountants/Ch 12 Intellectual Property	04/09	Ch 32-34 Bankruptcy/Agency
03/12	Ch 21-24 Sales and Lease Contracts	04/16	Ch 41 Securities
03/19	SPRING BREAK – NO CLASS		Ch 51 Insurance
03/26	Ch 10 and 25 Warranties and Product Liability/ Midterm*	04/23	Ch. 52 Wills and Trusts; Wrap-up all assigned chapters
04/02	Ch 26 Negotiable Instruments	04/30	Final Exam*
	Ch 30-31 Security Interests		

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

<u>Grading:</u> The course grade will consist of:	midterm exam	30%
	final exam	60%
	class attendance/participation	10%

***Final Exam – currently scheduled to occur at 5:30PM on Thursday, April 30, 2026 (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.

Health: The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. Those testing positive for COVID-19 should refer to the [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes site](#) for resources. Beyond any required COVID-19 isolation period, I may rely on Student Life Disability Services to establish further reasonable accommodations. You can connect with them at slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; or slds.osu.edu.

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
- 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](http://at.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 class, or to exams, 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 written 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.

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 three (3) days of the date that it was posted. If you fail to notify me within the three (3) 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 most meetings can be accomplished via email and/or telephone. 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.**

AI – artificial intelligence tools: While various AI computer tools/software/apps are available on the internet or elsewhere, they are not to be used for any graded assignments for this class, including but not limited to exams, quizzes, essays, etc.

Weather and other short term closures: Should in-person classes be canceled, I will notify you as to which alternative methods of teaching will be offered to ensure continuity of instruction for this class. Communication will be via CarmenCanvas, email, or other mode of communication.

Accommodations: It is Ohio State's policy to reasonably accommodate the sincerely held religious beliefs and practices of all students. The policy permits a student to be absent for up to three days each academic semester for reasons of faith or religious or spiritual belief. Students planning to use religious beliefs or practices accommodations for course requirements must inform the instructor in writing no later than 14 days after the course begins. The instructor is then responsible for scheduling an alternative time and date for the course requirement, which may be before or after the original time and date of the course requirement. These alternative accommodations will remain confidential. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that all course assignments are completed.

Book Options: There are several options for purchasing the book. Please do not purchase Dynamic Business Law: The Essentials. That is a condensed form of the book. Purchase the entire textbook entitled **Dynamic Business Law**. Purchase options include:

1. Purchase the book online at various websites. ISBN13: 9781260733976.
2. Purchase at the bookstore.
3. Purchase at the 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> ISBN10: 1260733971. Price may be less than print book.

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