



BUSI 2301.003IN

Business Law

Fall 2023

Online

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Student Hours & Location:

TEAMS, D2L chat, or by email appointment

Monday	by appointment
Tuesday	<u>10:00 am - 12:00pm</u>
Wednesday	by appointment
Thursday	by appointment
Friday	by appointment

Required Textbook and Materials:

1. **Business Law Today, The Essentials Text and Summarized Cases, 13th Edition**, Roger Leroy Miller - Inclusive Access(Specially bundled with **MindTap** for Internet class)
2. Access to the Internet and a Web browser that supports D2L Learning System
3. Other materials, as mentioned by the instructor online

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Description: The course provides the student with foundational information about the U.S. legal system and dispute resolution, and their impact on business. The major content areas will include general principles of law, the relationship of business and the U.S. Constitution, state and federal legal systems, the relationship between law and ethics, contracts, sales, torts, agency law, intellectual property, and business law in the global context.

Pre-requisite: High school coursework in U.S. history and government, or equivalent.

Requirements for enrolling in an online course: All students enrolling in their Internet or Hybrid section must complete the course designed to help navigate D2L.

As this is an online course, it is crucial that you be self-motivated and self-disciplined. You need to carefully read each chapter unit, and the associated required readings, attempt online activities, and practice quizzes. It is also your responsibility to take each assessment quiz, midterm, and final exam, participate in scheduled discussions, and complete class projects according to the scheduled timeline in your Semester Schedule. It is your responsibility to submit all assignments on time.

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:

A variety of means is included to evaluate student performance. Methods of evaluation employed to evaluate student performance are:

1. **EXAMS:** Students will complete a midterm competency examination covering chapters 1 to 10 and a final competency examination covering chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 24 & 25. Both competency exams will be administered online as designated by the instructor within the semester schedule. (3 hours)

Midterm exam will address **Core Objective: Social Responsibility (SR)** by covering principles of law that apply to business and business transactions.

2. **QUIZZES:** Each **chapter quiz** is **available** for **one week** only. The student will complete 9 chapter quizzes online in D2L as scheduled within the semester schedule. It is used as one of the learning tools, as well as an evaluation tool to familiarize students with definitions, concepts, and applications. Each quiz can be taken twice; however, you have the 1 hour total for both attempts. (1 hour)

The first attempt shows what is lacking. There is a waiting period of 4 hours before the quiz can be attempted the second time. This time is given for the student to go back and study the areas that were lacking during the first attempt. The questions will not be exactly the same for the multiple attempts. The best 7 will be averaged for the grade.

Quiz 4 will address Core Objective- Personal Responsibility (PR) by describing the relationship between ethics and law in business

3. **GRADED DISCUSSIONS:** These include attending class by logging into class at least three times a week to review new information, participating in scheduled discussions, and other online activities as required by the instructor. Each scheduled discussion will be open for one week according to the semester schedule and will require both an initial post and a post to another student. The

discussion grade will be accumulated according to the participation and posted towards the end of the semester.

4. **CASE STUDY PROJECT:** Students complete case studies as assigned and, in the areas, designated by the instructor. These written case studies will be submitted to the instructor via the case studies submission link. The student will write their opinions examining different cases that involve basic principles of law that apply to business and business transactions. They will also describe, analyze and interpret current laws, rules, and regulations related to settling business disputes.

This assignment will address Core Objective: Critical Thinking Skills (CT), by applying, interpreting, and analyzing current law, rules, and regulations to settle real-life business disputes.

NOTE: No submissions are allowed after the assigned due date lapses.

Grading Criteria - Based on required work for the semester:

A.	2 Exams (225 points each)	@450 points	45%
B.	7 Quizzes (out of 9)	@350 points	35%
C.	Case Discussions/Participation	@100 points	10%
D.	Case Study project	@100 points	10%
Total		<hr/> 1000 points	100%

Grading Scale - Letter grades will be awarded according to the following criteria:

A = 900 points or above	(90% to 100%)
B = 800 to 899 points	(80% to 89%)
C = 700 to 799 points	(70% to 79%)
D= 600 to 699 points	(60% to 69%)
F =anything less than 599 points	

NOTE: The instructor **DOES NOT give** a **W**. Anything below 60% earns an F grade. It is the student's responsibility to acquire and complete the withdrawal form when and if the student decides to drop the class.

Late work and Make-up Policy: Late work is not accepted except under documented extenuating circumstances with approval from your instructor. No make-up exams or assignments will be given or accepted.

Graded Assignments/Feedback/Gradebook: The following expectations apply to all Business/Accounting department courses regardless of modality. Auto graded exams and quizzes should be available for immediate review by the students. Manually graded assignments (discussion boards and projects) will be graded and returned within two weeks from the due date. Feedback, if any, will be listed within the attached rubric.

Accepted late work will be returned in a timely manner as instructor's availability allows. Students should monitor their overall grade within the D2L gradebook for current point totals.

Attendance Policy:

The online students will log in to the D2L_class at least three times per week on three different days during the week to check for any new assignments, emails, announcements, or instructions and to complete their work. Regular attendance and punctuality in submitting assignments, quizzes, and exams are very important. History has shown in order to be successful in this course students must

learn the material as it relates to practical applications in the business world.

However, failure to attend class will not result in an official or automatic withdrawal.

Communicating with your instructor: The primary means of communication with the instructor is in **Class Related Topics** Discussion forum. Post all questions, comments, and concerns you have related to this class within the **Class Related** Questions so both the instructor and the students will help the class to find a solution. It is imperative and the Sole Responsibility of the student to check the Discussion Forum for new posts. This is your virtual classroom.

Email should be used for **private communication** -regarding any personal matter. Your message will be returned within 48 hours (except for weekends and holidays). The instructor will check messages at least every other day or three times a week. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty can only share any information about performance in class through COM email. No other email can be used for performance-related questions.

Student Learning Outcomes:

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
1. Describe the origins and structure of the U.S. legal system		Quiz 1
2. Describe the relationship between ethics and law in business.	Personal Responsibility (PR)	Quiz 4
3. Define relevant legal terms in business		Midterm
4. Explain basic principles of law that apply to business and business transactions.	Social Responsibility (SR)	Midterm
5. Describe business law in the global context		Final Exam

Student Learner Outcome	Maps to Core Objective	Assessed via this Assignment
6. Describe current law, rules, and regulations related to settling business disputes	Critical Thinking Skills (CT) Communication Skills	Case study/DB

Academic Dishonesty: Any incident of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action.

College of the Mainland requires that students enrolled at COM be familiar with the Standards of Student Conduct, which can be found in the online Student Handbook. <https://www.com.edu/student-services/student-handbook.html> Students are expected to be familiar with and abide by the Student Code of Conduct. Any violations of the Code of Conduct will result in a referral to the Dean of Students and may result in dismissal from this class.

Plagiarism is using someone else’s words or ideas and claiming them as your own. Plagiarism is a very serious offense. Plagiarism includes paraphrasing someone else’s words without giving proper citation, copying directly from a website and pasting it into your paper, using someone else’s words without quotation marks. Any assignment containing any plagiarized material may receive a grade of zero and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action. You may click on the links below for more information:

[10 Types of Plagiarism –](#)

[How to Avoid Plagiarism-](#)

[What is Self Plagiarism - Research Prospect](#)

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact **me** using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact gregory2@com.edu or 409-933-8339.

Technology Outage: Occasionally, the college may experience emergency technology outages. Should this occur during a Quiz/Exam, you will need to notify the instructor that you will need the Quiz/Exam to be reset. In the case of this or a personal technology issue, students are expected to contact the instructor as soon as reasonably possible. Students are responsible for completing all other course work such that due dates can be met.

**Course outline
Fall 2023**

Week	Week of:	Read Chapter	Online Assessments	Other Assignments
1	8/28/23	1 & 2 Appendix		Read the content in the <i>Read Me First</i> module, navigate the course and get familiarized with the online classroom set-up. Post a brief self-introduction.
2	9/04/23	2 & 3	Quiz 1- Ch.1, 2 & 3 DUE: 9/10 - 11:30 pm Sunday	Get to know your classmates! Respond to at least 1 classmate's introduction. Read my postings and announcements.
3	9/11/23	4 & 5	Quiz 2- Ch. 4 &.5 DUE: 9/17 -11:30 pm Sunday	Discussion 1: Check the Discussion board Monday for instructions.
4	9/18/23	6 & 7	Quiz 3- Ch. 6 & 7 DUE: 9/24 -11:30 pm Sunday	
5	9/25/23	8, 9 & 10	Quiz 4- Ch. 8, 9 & 10 DUE: 10/01-11:30 pm Sunday	Discussion 2: Check Discussion Board Monday for instructions.
6	10/02/23	11 & 12	Quiz 5- Ch 11 &12 DUE: 10/08-11:30 pm Sunday	-
7	10/09/23	11	MIDTERM- Ch. 1-12 DUE: 10/15-11:30 pm Sunday	Review for MIDTERM Chapters 1 through 12 (must be taken between <u>10/09/23 to 10/15/23</u>)
8	10/16/23	13 & 14	Quiz 6- Ch. 13 & 14 DUE: 10/22 11:30 pm Sunday	Review the Case study folder.

Week	Week of:	Read Chapter	Online Assessments	Other Assignments
9	10/23/23	16		Discussion 3: Go to the Discussion Board for instructions. Review the Case Study folder for this discussion.
10	10/30/23	18 & 19	Quiz 7- Ch.16,18 &19 DUE: 11/05-11:30 pm Sunday	Form your Case Study team or work alone
11	11/06/23	21		Work on Case Study
12	11/13/23	22	Quiz 8– Ch. 21 & 22 DUE: 11/19-11:30 pm Sunday	Begin Case Study submissions
13	11/20/23	24		Case Study Due DUE: 11/26 -11:59 pm, Friday Last day to withdraw - 11/28/23
14	11/27/23	25	Quiz 9- Ch.24 & 25 DUE:12/03-11:30 pm Sunday	Thanksgiving break: November 23 - 26
15	12/04/23	Review	FINAL EXAM DUE: 12/13-11:59 pm Wednesday	Review for FINAL EXAM Chapters -13,14,16,18,19,21,22,24, 25 (must be taken between <u>11/28/23 to 12/07/23</u>)
16	12/11/23	Complete	FINAL EXAM DUE: 12/13-11:59 pm Wednesday	Complete the FINAL EXAM Chapters -13,14,16,18,19,21,22,24, 25 (must be taken between <u>12/04/23 to 12/13/23</u>)

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the [Student Handbook](#). An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact Kimberly Lachney at 409-933-8919 or klachney@com.edu. The Office of Services for Students with Disabilities is located in the Student Success Center.

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Withdrawal Policy: Failure to log in will NOT constitute an official or automatic withdrawal. It is the student's responsibility to acquire and complete the drop form when the student has decided to drop the class. Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw with a passing grade for this class is, **November 28, 2023**.

F_N Grading: The F_N grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The F_N grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the F_N grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an F_N grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress: If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here: <https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/>.

College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.