

BA 332 - Business Law II -- Winter Term 2009

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Purpose of Course

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the topics in traditional business law. It is the second course of a two-part series. This course addresses the legal/political environment in which organizations must operate. At the completion of this course, the student should be able to use a legal vocabulary and critical thinking skills to better address ethical and legal issues in the business world.

Required Reading

West's Business Law, 10th Edition, Kenneth Clarkson, et al
Optional: Black's Law Dictionary
From time to time other materials will be distributed in class.

Course Requirements

You will be assigned readings and you will be expected to be prepared to discuss the readings in class. Spirited class discussions will be necessary in order to fully explore the topics.

Grades will be determined as follows:

Newspaper Summary (2) =	2 percent	-	6 points	(3 points each)
Internet Activities (6) =	10 percent	-	30 points	(5 points each)
Test #1 =	15 percent	-	45 points	
Test #2 =	30 percent	-	90 points	
Comprehensive Final =	38 percent	-	114 points	
Class Participation =	5 percent	-	15 points	
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Each student is allowed two unexcused absences. If a student has more than two unexcused absences, he/she will receive no credit for class participation. Any absenteeism may result in a reduction of class participation credit.

Honor Code

By attending Wartburg College, students are demonstrating their dedication to the Honor Code. The Honor Code reminds students of their responsibility to promote honesty by opposing cheating and plagiarism and reporting dishonest work. Cheating on a test or written assignment will result in failure of the test or assignment and/or failure of the course.

As a matter of personal commitment, students, faculty, and staff of Wartburg College are expected to demonstrate four simple principles:

- 1) All submitted work must be your own.
- 2) When using the work or ideas of others, including fellow students, provide full credit through accurate citations.

3) Ask for clarification if there is uncertainty about citation rules on a particular assignment.

The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) provides protection from illegal discrimination for qualified individuals with disabilities. Students requesting instructional accommodations due to disabilities must arrange for such accommodations by contacting the Dean of Students. She can be reached at the Student Life Office, Saemann Student Center 195, 352-8260. Accommodation should be requested prior to affected assignment due dates.

List of Topics to be Covered

The following is a preliminary list of topics and the order in which they will be covered. During the semester, the syllabus will be reviewed and changes will be announced in class. Because each class has different interests, the reading assignments and pace will be adjusted.

January 7, 2009

Introduction to the course

January 14, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
Supreme Court Justice Review
General Review of Laws Affecting Students
Review Chapters 1 and 3

January 21, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
Chapter 31 -- Agency Formation and Duties

TEST REVIEW

January 28, 2009 TEST #1
Newspaper Article Summaries
Chapter 32 -- Liability to Third Parties and Termination
Chapter 45 - Environmental Law

7:00 pm - Robert Kennedy, Jr. Address in Neumann Auditorium

February 4, 2009

Chapter 52 -- International Law
Chapter 35 -- Sole Proprietorships and Franchises

February 11, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
Chapter 36 -- Partnerships and Limited Liability Partnerships
Chapter 37 -- Limited Liability Companies and Special Business Forms
Chapter 38 - Corporations - Formation and Financing

February 18, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
Chapter 39 -- Corporations -- Directors, Officers and Shareholders
Chapter 40 -- Corporations -- Merger, Consolidation, and Termination
Chapter 41 - Securities Law and Corporate Governance
Chapter 51 -- Professional Liability and Accountability
TEST REVIEW

February 25, 2009 TEST #2
To Be Announced

March 4, 2009

No Class -- Winter Term Break

March 11, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
Chapter 44 -- Consumer Law
Chapter 30 - Bankruptcy Law

March 18, 2009
Newspaper Article Summaries
Chapter 33 -- Labor and Employment Law
Chapter 34 -- Employment Discrimination

March 25, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
To Be Announced

April 1, 2009
Newspaper Article Summaries
To Be Announced

April 8, 2009 Newspaper Article Summaries
To Be Announced
FINAL EXAM REVIEW

April 15, 2009 COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM (6:30 TO 8:30)

Substitute Instructors

From time to time, I may be unable to attend class and a substitute instructor may be in attendance.

***Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns. Although I do not have office hours, I will be available by telephone, after class, and by appointment.