BA -2900
Legal Environment of Business

Asynchronous On-line Course

{This course is self-directed. Please note the due dates for assignments and exams. Note that your must organize your time efficiently, especially over Spring Break}

Spring, 2021

Course Reading & Assignment Schedule

This Schedule is supplemented by the Syllabus. Be sure to review the Syllabus for details as to the assignments.

Begin Course Here: By midnight on Monday, January 18th, each student should click on the Modules button on the left side of the Course website and open and complete the task of reading and printing out:

   a. Syllabus,
   b. Course Reading & Assignment Schedule,
   c. Confirm timely completing this task by submitting the confirmation via the on-line submission tool for ten [10] points

By midnight on Thursday, January 21st, Tasks:
- View Instructor Video Introduction
- Create and Post to Discussion Board link to Your VoiceThread introduction 5-6 Powerpoint slides using video narration in the VoiceThread tool,
- Comment on at least [3] students introductions by midnight on Sunday, January 24th
- Watch VoiceThread presentation on Framework for study of law
- Note: First Module Exam due by midnight, Sunday, January 31st

Note: Optional Zoom On-Line Q& A sessions on Tuesdays before each Module Exam function well in Chrome web browser

Module One: Foundations of Law

To be completed during weeks 1-2 [January 18th – January 30th with Module One Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, January 31st]
Read:
Introduction to Module
Chapter 1: Legal Foundations
Chapter 5: Business, Societal and Ethical Contexts of the Law
Chapter 25: International Law & Global Transactions

Chapter Quizzes for Chapters 1, 5 and 25.

Watch Video Lectures [5 points per lecture]:

Introduction to Law
Ethics and Social Responsibility
International Law

Assignments:

1. Read Joya problem and submit one [1] paragraph typewritten answer attached as a Word document via the on-line submission tool by midnight on Sunday, January 24th] – After the due date, the instructor will post an explanation of the instructor’s preferred answer which explanation is part of materials on Module One exam.

Module One On-Line Office Hours: 5:30 – 6:30 on Tuesday, January 26th via Zoom. You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course website

The instructor will be available to answer questions about Module One beginning at 5:30pm and will stay on-line so long as students are participating.

Module One Exam: [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]

Complete the Module One Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, January 31st. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time. [the time limit is designed to discourage hunting through the materials for answers. Prepare for the exam as if a closed book exam in class.]

Module Two: US Constitution and Administrative Law
To be completed during weeks 3 - 4 [February 1 – February 13th with Module Two Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, February 14th – sorry about Valentine’s Day]

Read:
Introduction to Module
Chapter 2: Business and the Constitution
Appendix A of Textbook – US Constitution
Chapter 17: Administrative Law

Chapter Quizzes for chapters 2 and 17

Watch Video Lectures:
US Constitution
Bill of Rights
Administrative Law

Module Two On-Line Office Hours: 5:30 – 6:30 on Tuesday, February 9th via Zoom. You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course. The instructor will be available to answer questions about Module Two beginning at 5:30pm and will stay on-line so long as students are participating.

Module Two Exam: [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]

Complete the Module Two Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, February 14th. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time.

Module Three: Courts and Dispute Resolution

To be completed during weeks 5 - 6 [February 15th – February 27th with Module Three Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, February 28th.]

Read:
Introduction to Module
Chapter 3: The American Judicial System, Jurisdiction and Venue
Chapter 4: Resolving Disputes, Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Options

Chapter Quizzes for chapters 3 and 4

Watch Video Lectures:
Television clip of a trial [unauthentic example]
Dispute Resolution- The US Court System
US Trial Process
Dispute Resolution - ADR
Effective Lawyering

Extra Credit Court Visit Report [assignment worth 25 points]

Due to Covid, the courts are either closed or restricting public attendance. In lieu of visiting court, each student is offered the opportunity to earn up to twenty-five [25] extra credit points [See explanation about extra credit and Canvas Gradebook in Syllabus.] To earn the extra credit:

a. Watch the video of a juror’s description of her participation in a sensational murder trial;
b. Read the court visit reports by former students posted in the discussion board as instructed;
c. Post by midnight on Sunday, February 21st to course discussion board a one typewritten page report of how a and b above differed from your television and/or movie expectations about court. The report should be an attachment in Word format in twelve point type; and
d. Each student is to review and comment on at least three [3] of your classmates Court Visit Reports from different alphabetical groups by midnight on Wednesday, February 23rd.

Optional Q & A Zoom session: The instructor will be available to answer questions in a voluntary Zoom session about Module Three on Tuesday, February 23rd beginning at 5:30pm and will stay on-line so long as students are participating.

Module Three Exam: [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]
Complete the Module Three Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, February 28th. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time.

Module Four: Agency and Liability

To be completed during weeks 7 - 8 [March 1st – March 13th with Module Four Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, March 14th.]

Read:
Introduction to Module
Chapter 10: Agency
Chapter 9: Torts and Products Liability

Chapter Quizzes for chapters 9 and 10

Watch Video Lectures:
Agency
Torts

Module One On-Line Office Hours: 5:30 – 6:30 on Tuesday, March 9th via Zoom. You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course website

Module Four Exam: [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]

Complete the Module Four Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, March 14th. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time.

Module Five: Contracts [Note: This is a self-directed course. The exam for this Module is due by Sunday, March 28th when Spring Break has begun. Organize your time effectively if you desire to complete before Spring Break.]

To be completed during weeks 9 - 10 [March 15th – March 27th with Module Five Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, March 28th.]

Read:
Introduction to Module
Chapter 6: Overview and Language of Contracts
Chapter 7: Contract Enforceability and Performance
Chapter 8: Contracts for Sale of Goods
Chapter 21: Warranties and Consumer Protection Laws

Chapter Quizzes for chapters 6, 7, 8, 21

Assignment: Negotiable Instruments exercise [10 points] due by midnight on Sunday, March 21st. – Instructor will post a recommended answer in Module after due date which explanation is party of materials on Module exam.

Watch Video Lectures:
Contracts
UCC Article 2 Sales
UN CISG
Negotiable Instruments

Module Five On-Line Office Hours: 5:00 – 6:30 on Tuesday, March 23rd via Zoom

You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course website. The instructor will be available to answer questions about Module Five so long as students are participating.

Module Five Exam: [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]

Complete the Module Five Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, March 28th. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time.

Module Six: [Note this two week period includes Spring Break. Organize your time if you desire to not study over Spring Break.]

To be completed during weeks 11 - 12 [March 29th – April 10th with Module Six Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, April 11th.]

Read:
Introduction to Module
Chapter 13: Choice of Business Entity, Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships
Chapter 14: Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships
Chapter 15: Corporations
Chapter 16: Regulation of Securities, Corporate Governance and Market Regulation

**Chapter Quizzes** for chapters 13, 14, 15 and 16

**Watch Video Lectures:**
- Business Organizations -history
- LLCs and LLPs
- Corporations
- Securities Law

**Module Six On-Line Office Hours:** 5:00 – 6:30 on Tuesday, April 6th via Zoom

You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course website. The instructor will be available to answer questions about Module Six so long as students are participating.

**Module Six Exam:** [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]

Complete the Module Six Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, April 11th. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time.

**Module Seven: Property**

**To be completed during weeks 13 – 14** [April 12th – April 24th with Module Seven Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, April 25th]

**Read:**
- Introduction to Module
- Chapter 23: Personal Property, Real Property and Land Use Law
- Chapter 24: Intellectual Property Law

**Chapter Quizzes** for chapters 23 and 24

**Watch Video Lectures:**
- Intellectual Property
- Real Property

**Module Seven On-Line Office Hours:** 5:00 – 6:30 on Tuesday, April 20th via Zoom
You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course website. The instructor will be available to answer questions about Module Seven so long as students are participating.

**Module Seven Exam:** [consisting of two parts Part A – short answer for 30 points and Part B – essay for 20 points]

Complete the Module Seven Exam by not later than midnight on Sunday, April 25th. This is time limited to thirty [30] minutes part A and twenty [20] minutes for part B. Each part is automatically submitted at end of the allotted time.

**Module Eight:**

To be completed during weeks 15 – 16 [April 26th – Saturday, May 8th] - **there is no module eight exam** – questions [worth 50 points] will be **included in the final exam covering materials in Module 8**

**Reading:**
Introduction to Module
Chapter 20: Creditor’s Rights and Bankruptcy
Chapter 19: Antitrust and Regulation of Competition

**Watch Video Lectures:**
Secured Credit
Diagram of Secured Credit in Financing Business
Bankruptcy
Antitrust

**Exercise:** Read the Backhoe problem and provide a not-to-exceed one [1] page answer in Word format [not a pdf file] via the on-line assignment tool. Your answer is due by midnight on Sunday, April 25th.

**Module Eight and Comprehensive Final Exam On-Line Office Hours: 5:30 – 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 4th via Zoom**

You can join by clicking on the Zoom button in Course website. The instructor will be available to answer questions about Module Eight and the comprehensive Final Exam so long as students are participating.

**Optional Final Exam [comprehensive] [200 points] [ Note 60% requirement to improve course grade]:**
The final exam is comprehensive. Note that approximately fifty [50] points will pertain to Module 8. The final exam is optional but you must score at least sixty [60\%] for the exam points to improve your course grade [120/200 points].

The final exam is to be taken by midnight on Tuesday, May 11th. You will have two [2] hours to complete the exam.