

Dakota College at Bottineau Course Syllabus

Course Prefix/Number/Title: ACCT 215 – Business in the Legal Environment

Course Credits: 3

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Lecture/Lab Schedule: MWF: 8:00 – 8:50
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Textbook(s): Law for Business (Ashcroft & Ashcroft, 16th Edition.) Supplementary reading materials will be provided. *Textbook or eBook required. (ISBN: 978-0324381573)*

Pre/Co-Requisites: None

General Education Goals/Objectives: N/A

Course Description: This course introduces students to the legal and regulatory environment in which business organizations operate. Topics explored in this course include the legal system, the legal environment of business, contracts, personal property, sales, negotiable instruments, agency & employment, and business organization.

Course Objectives: Students will be able to:

1. Understand fundamental concepts and terminology in business law;
2. Develop the critical thinking skills for identifying and analyzing issues at the intersection of law and business; and,
3. demonstrate content mastery via classroom participation, case study analysis and weekly exams.

Course Requirements:

1. Completion of assignments, tests, and attendance are required. You are responsible for regularly logging in to the Blackboard to complete assignments and retrieve course information.
2. You are expected to attend every class. During our specific class times, we will cover content and instruction on homework assignments, quizzes, and tests, which will mostly be done in Blackboard
3. Students are expected to attend class, participate in class, and follow any instructions on the Blackboard site, which includes reading the textbook, completing assignments and using the study aids available in Blackboard.
4. Grading is the accumulation of attendance, quizzes, and tests for total points.

Grading Scale: Grading is based on what the student earns based upon the percent of total possible points. Final letter grades are assigned based on the grading scale below.

90-100% = A 89-80% = B 79-70% = C 69-60% = D Below 60% = F

Tentative Course Content Outline: *(This outline is only used to keep this course on track and should NOT be used if you have missed class. It is very likely the weeks may not line up with the chapters as the semester moves forward).*

COURSE OUTLINE

WEEK 1	8/26-8/30	Chapter 1 (Welcome, Introductions, Syllabus)
WEEK 2	8/26-8/30	Chapters 2, 5 (Friday 8/31 - Exam 1, Chapters 1, 2, 5)
LABOR DAY (9/2)		No Class
WEEK 3	9/2-9/6	Chapters 6
WEEK 4	9/9-9/13	Chapters 7, 8 (Friday 9/13 - Exam 2, Chapters 6, 7, 8)
WEEK 5	9/16-9/20	Chapters 9, 10 (Friday 9/20 - Exam 3, Chapters 9, 10)
WEEK 6	9/23-9/27	Chapters 11, 12 (Friday 9/27 - Exam 4, Chapters 11, 12)
WEEK 7	10/1-10/4	Chapters 13, 14 (Friday 10/4 - Exam 5, Chapters 13, 14)
WEEK 8	10/7-10/11	Chapters 16, 17 (Friday 10/11 - Exam 6, Chapters 16, 17)
WEEK 9	10/14-10/18	Chapter 18, 19 (Friday 10/18 - Exam 7, Chapters 18, 19)
WEEK 10	10/21-10/25	Chapters 20, 26 (Friday 10/25 - Exam 8, Chapters 20, 26)
WEEK 11	10/28-11/1	Chapters 28, 29 (Friday 11/1 - Exam 9, Chapters 28, 29)
Week 12	11/4-11/8	Chapter 31 (discussion - "Starting a Business")
Week 13	11/11-11/15	Chapter 32 ("Pitfalls of Partnerships")
VETERANS DAY (11/ 11)		No Class
WEEK 14	11/18-11/29	Chapters 34, 35 (Friday 11/29 - Exam 10, Chapters 31, 32, 34, 35)
THANKSGIVING 11/28		No Class (No exam on Friday)
WEEK 15	12/2-12/6	Chapters 41, 42 (Friday 12/6 – Exam 11, Chapters 41, 42)
WEEK 16	12/9-12/13	Course Review

In lieu of a midterm and final exam, this course has 10 exams throughout the course. The final exam of the course (Test 11) is optional and may be used to replace a missing exam or a lower score on a previous exam.

Relationship to Campus Theme: Dakota College at Bottineau emphasizes nature and technology through an array of curricula, programs, and services to prepare students for employment and university transfer. This course will emphasize nature and technology from a business law perspective.

Classroom Policies: Attendance is expected. Students will be asked to sit in front rows due to course delivery through IVN. Students will also be asked to remove any hats or caps to help be more visible through IVN.

Students can earn points for class participation, attendance, assignments, quizzes, and writings. The final grade will be based on these points. Students may bring their laptops/tablets to class.

Exams: Exams will be delivered on Blackboard and will have a timed format.

Absences and Assignment/Exam Due Dates: Students are expected to attend all classes and submit assignments on time. Notify your instructor of a planned absence. In case of an emergency, contact your instructor before the exam to avoid a grade of "0".

Electronic Devices: Turn off cellular phones or any electronic devices in the classroom.

Academic Integrity: The academic community operates on honesty, integrity, and fair play. It is the expectation that all students, and members of the college community, adhere to the highest levels of academic integrity. Violations of academic improprieties will be handled using the guidelines outlined in DCB's Student Handbook.

Plagiarism: To plagiarize is to "steal and pass off the ideas or words of another as one's own" (*Webster's Dictionary*). Plagiarism will not be tolerated in this course. When completing a research paper, it is necessary to cite all information gathered from other sources - including direct quotations and paraphrases - within the text of the paper using parenthetical notes at the end of the documents in a works cited list. A handout regarding the MLA guidelines is available at the writing center if you would like further information. If you have any questions - please contact the instructor or go to the learning center for more information. Students found plagiarizing material will receive a "0" for the assignment.

Cheating: Any student found to be cheating will receive a "0" on the assignment; an additional incidence of cheating will result in the student being dismissed from the course.

Student Email Policy: Dakota College at Bottineau is increasingly dependent upon email as an official form of communication. A student's campus-assigned email address will be the only one recognized by the campus for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

Disabilities and Special Needs: If you have any condition, such as a physical or learning disability, for which you need extra assistance, please inform me immediately. If you have already met with Student Development personnel, please provide me with information regarding your special needs as soon as possible so that appropriate accommodations can be made regarding your special needs as soon as possible so that appropriate accommodations can be made.