

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DIVISION OF BUSINESS, ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES
BUS-233 BUSINESS LAW I

COURSE TITLE: BUS- 233 Business Law I

OFFICE ROOM:

CREDITS & HRS: 3 credits (3 lec.)

PREREQUISITES: BUS-101 Introduction to Business

DESCRIPTION: **BUS-233 Business Law I** is survey of the law as it applies to business, including contracts, torts, crimes, commercial paper, and the New Jersey Court System.

REQUIRED

TEXT: **Dynamic Business Law-The Essentials 2nd Edition, McGraw-Hill**

LEARNING

- OBJECTIVES:**
1. Understand the social, economical and moral forces that make the law.

Measure: Students will discuss real life cases in class and investigate the historical and moral underpinnings to specific legal systems. The students will also be required to apply legal concepts to resolve real cases on tests.
Standard: At least 70% of all students will receive an average grade of “70” or better on examinations.
 2. Help students understand their legal rights and obligations when they are involved in business or personal legal situations day to day in their careers.
Measure: Students will discuss real life cases in class and be required to apply legal concepts to resolve real cases on tests.
Standard: At least 70% of all students will receive an average grade of “70” or better on examinations.
 3. Develop an understanding of the New Jersey Court system and procedural stages of a lawsuit in New Jersey
Measure: Students will relate New Jersey procedure to remedies and defenses discussed throughout the course.
Standard: At least 70% of all students will be able to apply procedural concepts to various topics in the course as tested on examinations.
 4. Analyze the principles of contract law, torts and commercial paper as they apply to personal and business settings.
Measure: Students will demonstrate an awareness of the basic legal principles of these substantive legal concepts.
Standard: At least 70% of all students will receive an average grade of “70” or better on examinations.

COURSE CONTENT:

<u>SESSION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PAGES (S)</u>
1	Sources of Law and Legal Rights	Chapter 1
2	Court Organization & Alternative Dispute Resolution	Chapter 2
3.	Administrative Agencies	Chapter 3
4.	Constitutional Law	Chapter 4
5.	Criminal Law and Business	Chapter 5
6.	Torts: Intentional, Torts. And Negligence Test 1	Chapter 6
7.	Introduction to Contracts The Agreement, Offer and Acceptance	Chapter 8
8.	Incapacity & Legality	Chapter 10
9.	Reality of Assent	Chapter 11
10.	Consideration Test 2	Chapter 9
11.	Form of Contract and Interpretation Of Contracts, Parole Evidence Statute of Frauds	Chapter 12
12	Conditions for Performance Excuses for Performance Discharge of Contracts, Breach of Contract and Remedies	Chapter 13
13	Negotiable Instruments Parties and Negotiability; and Transfer of Commercial Paper	Chapter 16
14	Assignments and Third Parties Contracts	Chapter 12
15.	Final Exam	

**EVALUATION
PROCEDURES:**

Quiz	30%
Midterm Exam (First Half of Semester)	30%
Final Exam (Second Half of Semester)	40%

(See grading scale below)

ATTENDANCE: In accordance with College-Wide Attendance and Lateness Policy, the following will apply:

1. You are permitted to have two absences (night class), 5 absences (day class).
2. If you are more than 30 minutes late for the start of class or leave a class more than 30 minutes before the class ends, you will be assessed one absence.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
RULES:**

1. Recording of classes is not permitted.
2. Cell/Smart phones must be turned "OFF" for class.
3. Cheating in any manner is a violation of College policy, which will be reported for academic penalty.
3. Do not write on exams.

MAKE UP EXAMINATION POLICY:

1. There is 1 Quiz, a Midterm, and a final exam. Each is announced and thoroughly reviewed in advance of the date scheduled for the exam.
2. If you miss a Quiz or the Midterm, you must study for it during your absence and be prepared to take that missed Quiz or Midterm prior to the date you first return to class. It is your responsibility to be thoroughly prepared. If you return to class after the instructor has graded and returned the exam that you missed, then on the day of your return to class, the instructor may give you an all essay make-up exam. If you do not take this exam on the day of your return to class, a grade of zero will be entered for your missed exam. The procedure in this paragraph is limited to one missed exam only.
3. A student who misses one Quiz and the Midterm on the regular announced scheduled date will not be permitted to make up the second miss and will receive an "E" grade for the course.
4. A student who misses the final exam and has previously missed one or more of the prior Quizzes or Midterm on the announced scheduled date will not be permitted a make-up and will receive an "E" grade for the course.

5. A student who misses the announced Final exam and has no prior misses of exams must contact the professor to take an all essay different final exam within 24 hours from the date the Final was given at a time and place convenient to the professor. Failure to do so will result in an “E” grade for the course.

FACULTY ABSENCE PROCEDURE: A daily listing will appear in the glass case located in the front lobby of the main building (administrative wing), which will indicate all classes which are canceled. Another listing will appear in the glass case adjacent to the Hotel/Restaurant bulletin board in the E Building and on the Bergen Community College website. Students can consult these bulletin boards before going to class. If such a class does not appear on the day’s cancellation notice, this information should be conveyed either to the Evening & Saturday Office (L-113) or the Department Office (A-306C).

GRADING SCALE

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>	<u>GRADE</u>
100-90	89.75-100	A
90-80	87.75-89.50	B+
90-80	80-87.50	B
80-70	77.75-79.9	C+
80-70	70-77.50	C
70-60	60-69.9	D
Below 60	Below 60	F

A student’s numerical average (column 2) will be based on the exam or project allocation plan stated in the course outline.

Enrichment and participation in classroom discussions is factored into your grade.

STUDENT & FACULTY SUPPORT SERVICES:

Services for Students with Disabilities:

A wide variety of services are available to students with documented disabilities through the Office of Specialized Services (OSS). For further information, go to the OSS website: www.bergen.edu/oss.