Curriculum Catalog

Career and Technical Education Series

Business Law

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Business Law Course Overview

This course is designed to provide students with the knowledge of some of the vital legal concepts that affect commerce and trade. First, they will gain some familiarity with how laws are created and interpreted. Then, they will be introduced to the types of businesses that can be created to engage in commerce as well as the contractual and liability considerations that can impact a business. Laws that affect how a business is regulated will also be reviewed, particularly the impact of administrative rules and regulations on a business.

As the students work through matters of law and business, they will also consider scriptural principles.

Global commerce and international agreements, treaties, organizations, and courts that can affect business will be discussed to get a better sense of what it means to "go global" with a business. This global emphasis will also survey what is prophesied in the Bible about buying and selling in the last days.

Consumer and environmental protections will be explained as well as bankruptcy options, should a business go insolvent. In particular, students will look at what the Bible has to say about the ethics of bankruptcy. Lastly, no business exists without experiencing some kind of dispute or another, and so we will review the options that exist for dispute resolution and alternative dispute resolution to provide a better understanding of how best to deal with such matters.

Objectives

- Develop a general overview of the legal system in the United States.
- Understand the types of businesses and corporations that exist.
- Develop insight into the formation of contracts.
- Learn about torts and liability considerations regarding torts.
- Develop an understanding of ethics and civil and criminal procedures.
- Develop an appreciation of the administrative law process along with the Commerce Clause and its effect on employment law.
- Comprehend the information about intellectual property law and e-commerce.
- Understand the global picture of international agreements and sources of international law, international trade, the UN and key organs and commissions, and the international courts created by treaties.
- Gain insight into consumer, environmental, and bankruptcy laws that can affect an individual and his or her business.
- Learn how to resolve disputes that may arise in the transaction of business through traditional or alternative means.

While there are no formal requirements for this course, it is important to understand that this is a challenging course requiring your best critical-thinking skills. The ability to conduct research, make lateral connections, and consider options not clearly outlined is a function of those who successfully practice the law. This course uses scenarios and case studies to apply the concepts offered and encourage creative thinking within the confines of the legal and ethical parameters. For the Christian student who is considering a career in the law, this course is a good primer.

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Unit 1: Role of Law and Its Impact on Business

Assignments

1. Course Overview
2. Law Sources: The Legislative and the Executive Branches
3. Project: Drafting a Bill
4. Law Sources: The Constitution and the Judicial Branch
5. Project: A Supreme Court Case
6. The Bill of Rights and Fundamental Guarantees
7. Project: A Comparison of Human Rights Bills
8. Quiz 1: Sources Of Law and The Bill Of Rights
9. Sole Proprietorships and Agency
10. Project: Starting a Business
11. Partnerships
12. Project: Partnerships
13. Corporations
14. Project: Understanding the Tender Offer
15. Quiz 2: Corporations
16. Special Project*
17. Test
18. Course Project – Part 1: Role of Law and Its Impact on Business*
19. Glossary and Credits

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Unit 2: Legal Considerations in Business Law

Assignments

1. Contracts: Basic Elements of Contracts
2. Project: Identifying Internet Agreements
3. Contracts: Uniform Commercial Code
4. Project: Buyers, Sellers, and Warranties
5. Contract Defenses
6. Project: Defensible Defenses
7. Quiz 1: Contracts
8. Torts: Intentional Torts
9. Project: Review the Lemonade Stand Fact Pattern
10. Torts: Negligence
11. Project: Lulu the Runaway Dog
12. Torts: Strict Liability and Nuisance
13. Project: You be the Author: Write Your Own Newspaper Articles
14. Quiz 2: Torts
15. Special Project*
16. Test
17. Course Project – Part 2: Legal Considerations in Business Law*
18. Glossary and Credits

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Unit 3: Regulating a Business

Assignments

1. Ethics and the Law: Crimes Against Persons
2. Project: Know Your State's Penal or Criminal Code and Create Your Own Law
3. Ethics and the Law: Crimes Against Property
4. Project: Know Your White Collar Crimes
5. Criminal Procedure
6. Project: Create Your Own Crime
7. Quiz 1: Ethics and The Law – Criminal And Civil Procedure
8. Introduction to Administrative Law
9. Project: Federal Agencies and Their Functions
10. Administrative Law and Adjudication
11. Project: News Stories on Federal Agencies
12. Employment, Regulation, and Discrimination in the Workplace
13. Prepare Scenarios Using Gidgits Galore
14. Quiz 2: Administrative Law, The Commerce Clause, and Employment Law
15. Special Project
16. Test
17. Course Project – Part 3: Regulating a Business
18. Glossary and Credits

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Unit 4: Global Commerce

Assignments

1. Intro to Intellectual Property: Patents
2. Project: Developing a Patent
3. Intro to Intellectual Property: Trademarks and Copyrights
4. Project: Applying for a Trademark
5. Electronic Commerce
6. Project: Privacy Issues
7. Quiz 1: Intellectual Property and E-Commerce
8. Sources of International Law
9. Project: Look Up a Treaty
10. International Trade, GATT, and the WTO
11. Governmental Systems of the United Nations
12. Project: International Courts and Adjudication
13. Quiz 2: International Governmental Systems and Law
14. Special Project*
15. Test
16. Course Project – Part 4: Global Commerce*
17. Glossary and Credits

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Business Law	Unit 5: Protections and Resolutions	
	Assignments	
	1. Consumer Law	11. Project: Constructing a Dispute, Arbitration, and Resolution
	2. Project: Consumer Protection in Action	12. Career Opportunities in Business Law
	3. Environmental Law	13. Project: Career Assessment
	4. Project: Global Issues: The Future We Want?	14. Quiz 2: Dispute Resolution and Alternative Dispute Resolution
	5. Business Protection – Bankruptcy	15. Special Project*
	6. Project: Bankrupt Your Business	16. Test
	7. Quiz 1: Consumer Law, Environmental Law, and Bankruptcy Law	17. Course Project – Part 5: Protections and Resolutions*
	8. Dispute Resolution	18. Glossary and Credits
	9. Project: Create a Business Dispute, and Resolve It	
	10. Alternative Dispute Resolution	

Business Law	Unit 6: Course Project, Review, and Exam	
	Assignments	
	1. Course Project – Part 6: Pitching Your Product*	3. Exam
	2. Review	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment

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