

Course Abstract

Course ID and Name: BUS 201, Business Law I

Department: Business and Computer Science

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Prerequisites: None

Co-requisites: None

Course Description:

Brief surveys of the American legal system, procedural law, crimes and torts, administrative agencies, consumer, environmental and planning law. Detailed study of the substantive law of contracts, personal property and bailments and sales law. (In applicable areas the Uniform Commercial Code is covered as well as the common law principles.)

Credits: 3

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Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Possess a thorough understanding of the American legal system: state versus federal courts and their levels; know the difference between criminal and civil law and the path/steps in each.
2. Possess a thorough understanding of the basic concepts of UCC and contract law: parts, types, breach, and remedies.
3. Demonstrate a thorough understanding of different types of sales, warranties, and leases.

Course Content Areas:

- Legal System
Relationship of constitutions, statutes, and court decisions. Distinctions between civil and criminal and substantive and procedural law
- Courts
The typical tri-level court system and the specifics for New Jersey and the United States. The concepts of jurisdiction, venue, and standing. The appeals process
- Litigation
Typical flow with emphasis on pleadings and discovery. Alternatives to litigation
- Torts
Historical basis. Intentional compared to negligence. Damages.
- Criminal Law
Statutory basis. Constitutional issues. Penalties. Comparison with torts
- Contracts
Offer and acceptance. Meeting of the minds. Capacity as a prerequisite to enforceability and its lack used as a defense. Assignment and delegation. Rules of evidence. Breach and damages
- UCC Art. 2
History and application. Contract formation, performance, and discharge. International equivalents
- Personal Property
Methods of acquisition. Sales and gifts. Bailments and fixtures
- Real Property
Historical concepts that continue to apply. Title concepts. Methods of acquisition and financing. Conveyance and leasing. Instruments and documentation