



BLAW 230-001-Business Law 3 Credits

SYLLABUS

CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Survey of business law including: the legal system (court systems, sources and types of law, litigation and dispute resolution), ethics and corporate social responsibility, tort law, contract law, administrative law, antitrust law, consumer law, and environmental law.

Prerequisites:

Semester Offered:

Common Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of San Juan College programs and degrees, the student will demonstrate competency in...

BROAD AND SPECIALIZED LEARNING

Students will actively and independently acquire, apply, and adapt skills and knowledge with an awareness of global contexts.

CRITICAL THINKING

Students will think analytically and creatively to explore ideas, make connections, draw conclusions and solve problems.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Students will act purposefully, reflectively, and ethically in diverse and complex environments.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Students will exchange ideas and information with clarity in multiple contexts.

INFORMATION LITERACY

Students will be able to recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.

INTEGRATING TECHNOLOGIES

Students will demonstrate fluency in the application and use of technologies in multiple contexts.

Student work from this class may be randomly selected and used anonymously for assessment of course, program, and/or institutional learning outcomes. For more information, please refer to the Dean of the appropriate School.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

General objectives of the course are:

- A. To introduce the student to the legal environment of business, including the legal process, constitutional law, criminal law, and tort law.
- B. To introduce the student to the nature and law of contracts, including formation of contracts, special aspects of contracts, discharge of contractual obligations, and remedies for non-performance of contractual duties.
- C. To introduce the student to the administrative law process, including antitrust, consumer and environmental law, rules, and regulations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/OUTCOMES:

At the conclusion of this course the student should be able to:

- A1. Name the basic documents used to initiate and respond to civil actions filed in a legal tribunal.
- A2. Explain the function of a trial court and an appellate court.
- A3. Explain the difference between a criminal case and a civil case in terms of purpose, relief, and impact upon business and society.
- A4. Discuss the basis of the power of government to regulation businesses under the United States Constitution.
- B1. Identify the basic elements of a contract.
- B2. Evaluate common commercial contracts to determine if any special considerations are necessary to make them enforceable.
- B3. List and explain three basic ways that contractual obligation can be discharged.
- B4. List three basic classifications of damages awarded by courts, identify the type most often used in breach of contract cases, and explain the purpose of an award of damages for breach of contract.

- C1. Explain how administrative agencies are created and outline the general steps in rulemaking.
- C2. Discuss the separation of powers issue in the establishment of administrative agencies.
- C3. Analyze how monopoly powers are established and controlled by government regulation.
- C4. Differentiate between per se and rule of reason evaluation of antitrust violations.
- C5. Describe methods used by the government to protect consumers.
- C6. Evaluate in general terms the effectiveness of consumer debtors protection laws.
- C7. List the four major areas regulated by environmental laws and be able to discuss in general terms how this impacts businesses.