

## BLAW 230-BUSINESS LAW I

3 CREDITS

### SYLLABUS

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#### CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Survey of the legal environment of business and common legal principles including: the sources of law, dispute resolution and the U.S. court systems, administrative law, tort law, contract law, agency and employment law, business structure and governance, ethics and corporate social responsibility. Explores sources of liability and presents strategies to minimize legal risk.

Prerequisites: ENGL 099 and RDNG 095, or appropriate Accuplacer scores.

Semester Offered: Fall, Spring

#### **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 Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be able to...

1. Describe the sources of law.
2. Describe and explain dispute resolution and the court systems in the United States.

3. Describe the concepts of negligence, intentional torts and strict liability.
4. Describe and apply the essential aspects of contracts from creation, performance, breach and remedies, including basic contract law from Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code.
5. Explain the concepts of social responsibility, the ethical application of the law, and the relationship between ethics and the law.

### **Specific Learning Outcomes**

1. Name the basic documents used to initiate and respond to civil actions filed in a legal tribunal.
2. Explain the function of a trial court and an appellate court.
3. Explain the difference between a criminal case and a civil case in terms of purpose, relief, and impact upon business and society.
4. Discuss the basis of the power of government to regulation businesses under the United States Constitution.
5. Identify the basic elements of a contract.
6. Evaluate common commercial contracts to determine if any special considerations are necessary to make them enforceable.
7. List and explain three basic ways that contractual obligation can be discharged.
8. 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.
9. Explain how administrative agencies are created and outline the general steps in rulemaking.
10. Discuss the separation of powers issue in the establishment of administrative agencies.
11. Analyze how monopoly powers are established and controlled by government regulation.
12. Differentiate between per se and rule of reason evaluation of antitrust violations.
13. Describe methods used by the government to protect consumers.
14. Evaluate in general terms the effectiveness of consumer debtors protection laws.
15. List the four major areas regulated by environmental laws and be able to discuss in general terms how this impacts businesses.