

Syllabus

Course Code: BUSI 221

Title: Business Law I

Institute: Business and Social Science

Department: Business

Course Description: The student will identify, define and describe contracts, agency, employment, wills, bailment, personal and real property.

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

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Credits: 3

Lecture Hours: 3

Lab/Studio Hours: 0

Required Textbook/Materials: Business Law Today, Miller & Jentz, West Publishing Co

Additional Time Requirements:

For information on Brookdale's policy on credit hour requirements and outside class student work refer Academic Credit Hour Policy <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/vp-learning/academic-credit-hour-policy/>

(Identify open lab or other activities that are required)

Additional Support/Labs:

See <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/>

Course Learning Outcomes:

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply principles from humanities, social science, business, math and science to paralegal practice.
- Practice within the rules of professional conduct governing lawyers and legal assistants in the delivery of legal services.
- Apply substantive knowledge in contract law.
- Apply knowledge of federal and state court systems.
- Incorporate principles of diversity, multiculturalism and equal opportunity into paralegal practice.
- Demonstrate ethical and professional decision-making using critical thinking skills

Course Content:

1. Introduction to the legal system/legal environment of Business.
2. Principles of contract law, nature and classification, agreement, capacity, consideration and legality
3. Contractual transactions
4. Agency
5. Real property, personal property, wills and insurance

Department Policies:

Legal Studies Department Policies:

1. Grading Policy:
Grades for assignments, projects, exams, and courses are to be determined by the individual Instructor, however, the Department reserves the right to approve same for adjunct Instructors.
2. Cheating Policy:
In light of the nature and ethical demands of the profession for which we are preparing students, it is the Department's policy that THERE WILL BE A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHEATING OR UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR WITH RESPECT TO ANY ASPECT OF A STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. A student who is found to have engaged in same will receive no credit for any course that is involved and may be asked to leave the program. Further college disciplinary action may also be taken.
3. Attendance Policy:
The Legal Studies Department wishes to advise students that, with rare exception, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to be successful in a course without regular class attendance. The Department, therefore, encourages attendance, except in cases of illness, emergency, or other serious problem or conflict. It is up to the individual Instructor as to whether to require attendance or to include it as a criterion for grading. In any event, no student should miss two consecutive classes, or three classes overall in a term, without contacting the course Instructor as soon as possible.
4. Taping Classes:
Tape recording of classes or Legal Studies Department programs without a proper Alert form is prohibited. Tapes made pursuant to an Alert form are for the sole use of the student for whom the Alert form was issued and are to be used only for the purposes provided therein.
5. "Retesting" Policy:
It is the Department's position, in light on the nature and demands of the profession for which we are preparing students, that students will not be permitted to "retest", unless the individual Instructor finds compelling reason to do so in an unusual circumstance.
6. Course Testing Center Policy:
The Department has no official policy other than to indicate it has no objection to an individual Instructor making use of the testing center under appropriate circumstances.
7. Late Assignment Test Policy:
It is the Department's policy that all assignments and tests are to be completed and submitted in the date scheduled for same. It is up to the individual Instructor to determine what consequences, if any, will result from lateness. However, the Department reserves the right to approve same for adjunct Instructors.

Questions about the Legal Studies Department Program or the Paralegal Profession may be directed to the Program Director or to full time faculty members.

Grading Standard:

METHODS OF EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:

A. EACH ASSIGNMENT AND EXAM will be graded by the Instructor, as follows:

93-100%	= A
90-92%	= A-
87-89%	= B+
83-86%	= B
80-82%	= B-
76-79%	= C+
70-75%	= C
65-69%	= D
64-below	= F

B. COURSE GRADE: Average of grades received on Exams***

*** At the option of the instructor, extra credit toward the course may be given for participation in student, local, state or national paralegal association activities. Also, at the option of the instructor, assignments requiring the student to prepare civil litigation documents such as pleadings, may modify the grade.

College Policies:

As an academic institution, Brookdale facilitates the free exchange of ideas, upholds the virtues of civil discourse, and honors diverse perspectives informed by credible sources. Our College values all students and strives for inclusion and safety regardless of a student's disability, age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, country of origin, immigration status, religious affiliation, political orientation, socioeconomic standing, and veteran status. For additional information, support services, and engagement opportunities, please visit www.brookdalecc.edu/support.

For information regarding:

- Academic Integrity Code
- Student Conduct Code
- Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [student handbook](#) and [catalog](#).

Notification for Students with Disabilities:

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Accessibility Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

Mental Health:

24/7/365 Resources:

- Monmouth Medical Center Psychiatric Emergency Services at **(732) 923-6999**
- 2nd Floor Youth Helpline – Available to talk with you about any problem, distress, or hardship you are experiencing. Call or text at **888-222-2228** or visit the website at <https://www.2ndfloor.org/>

Faculty Counselors:

- Students who need to make an appointment with a faculty counselor can do so by calling 732-224-1822 (non-emergency line) during business hours. Faculty counselors are licensed mental health professionals who can assist students and refer them to other mental health resources.

Diversity Statement:

Brookdale Community College fosters an environment of inclusion and belonging. We promote a safe and open culture, encourage dialogue respecting diverse perspectives informed by credible sources, and uphold the virtues of civil discourse. We celebrate all identities with the understanding that ultimately, diversity, equity, and inclusion cultivate belonging and make us a stronger Brookdale community.

**The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arise.*