

# BUSINESS LAW COURSE SYLLABUS

**Course Title:** Business Law

**Textbook(s) & reference materials:**

South-Western Law for Business and Personal Use Text and Workbook  
Various Topical Videos

**Course Description:**

Business Law is a half-year. It is designed to make students fully aware of their rights and responsibilities in contract law and to provide them with a basic working knowledge and understanding of the legal principles and the terminology that affect their lives as consumers, employees, and citizens.

**Course Content:**

The course contains the fundamental emphasis on business law, while introducing personal law topics that are of interest to our students.

- A. Our Laws
  - 1. Legal System
  - 2. Types of Laws
- B. Ethics in Our Law and Business
- C. Constitutional Rights
  - 1. Foundations of Our Constitutions
  - 2. Amendments to Our Constitution
  - 3. Division and Balance of Power
- D. Court Systems
  - 1. Dispute Resolution and the Courts
  - 2. Federal and State Court Systems
- E. Criminal Laws and Procedures
- F. Personal Injury Laws
  - 1. Offenses Against Individuals
  - 2. Intentional Torts, Negligence, Strict Liability
  - 3. Civil Procedure
- G. Fundamentals of Contracts
  - 1. Offer and Acceptance
  - 2. Legality of Contracts and How Courts Enforce Contracts
- H. Sales Contracts
  - 1. Sales of Goods and the UCC
  - 2. Transfer of Title of Goods
  - 3. Ownership and Statute of Frauds

- I. Legal Considerations in Marriage and Divorce
- J. Wills, Estates and Trusts
- K. Forms of Business
- L. Employment Discrimination
  - 1. Illegal Discrimination and Proving It
  - 2. Specific Laws Making Unjustified Discrimination Illegal
- M. Debtors, Creditors, and Bankruptcy
  - 1. Legal Protection of Creditors and Debtors
  - 2. Bankruptcy

### **Course Requirements:**

Each student is required to complete all projects, tests and assignments. Each student must maintain a notebook with all class notes, worksheets, workbook and handouts. Student must arrive to class on time and prepared with all materials every class. Failure to do so will affect student's overall grade.

### **Grade Components/Assessments:**

- Grades will be based on a point system that will be converted into overall percentages.
- Student's Points Earned divided by Possible Points
  - Tests & Quizzes (40%),
  - Homework (10%),
  - Workbook and Notebook (30%),
  - Projects (10%)
  - Class Work, Participation and Preparedness (10%)
- Rubrics will be used on projects
- Cumulative Final Exam

### **Alternative Assessments:**

- Short research papers based on current events or legal topics
- Research paper and oral presentation of differing state laws.

### **Pathway:**

This course is appropriate for students pursuing a traditional or technical pathway in any of the career clusters. Students will meet PA Standards for Civic and Government as well as National Business Education Standards for Business Law.