



The University of Akron

George W. Daverio School of Accountancy

College of Business Administration

Term: Fall, 2021 (August 23, 2021 – December 5, 2021)

Course Name: Business Law **Course Number:** 6400:424/524 **Section:** 001

Schedule:

Day: Tu/Th

Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Location: CBA139

Instructor:

Dr. Doron Narotzki

Information Office/location:

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Office Phone:

330.972.6912

Office Hours:

Tu/Th 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., or by appointment

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Prerequisites: None

Required Text: Richard A. Mann and Barry S. Roberts, Essentials of Business Law and the Legal Environment, 13th ed. (Cengage, 2020).

The COVID-19 pandemic is still present and serious. Before entering class, you should have completed your daily health assessment. You should not come to class if you fail your health check or feel ill. At that time, I also ask you notify me that you will be absent.

Campus policies require masks to be worn indoors, hence all students are required to wear a mask during in-person classes. While you are in class on campus, you are required to: sit in your designated seat, always cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue and adhere to other public safety protocols and directives for your specific classroom/lab/studio. Students who do not follow these health and safety requirements will be instructed to leave class immediately. Students who violate this protocol will need to leave the classroom and MAY be marked absent. Repeated violations of these health-saving protocols may lead to sanctions under the Student Code of Conduct up to and including suspension or expulsion. Current guidelines can be found at: <https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/>.

OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Any other materials posted on Springboard.

GRADE CALCULATION:

Midterm Exams	30.0%
Quizzes	30.0%
<u>Final Exam</u>	<u>40.0%</u>
Total	<u>100.0%</u>

GRADING SCALE:

A	93-100%
A-	90-92%
B+	86-89%
B	83-85%
B-	80-82%
C+	76-79%
C	73-75%
C-	70-72%
D+	66-69%
D	63-65%
D-	60-62%
F	BELOW 60%

PICTURE ID REQUIREMENT:

During in-class exams, students may be asked to display their University of Akron picture ID (Zip Card) on their desks.

MAKE-UP POLICY:

A make-up exam will be allowed only in extraordinary circumstances that are supported by appropriate official documentation. **I reserve the right to impose up to a 25% penalty for a make-up exam.**

HOMEWORK:

None.

QUIZZES:

None.

PROJECTS/CASES:

None.

STUDENTS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR CLASS PARTICIPATION AND ADVANCE PREPARATION:

Each student is responsible for reading the assigned material and for attempting any assignments before coming to class. A useful rule of thumb is to devote two to three hours of preparation time for each hour of class time. You should be prepared to discuss reading assignments, answer questions, and participate in class activities.

COVERAGE OF ETHICS IN THIS COURSE:

The discussion of ethical conduct, with focus on the AICPA Statements on Standards of Tax Services and IRS Circular 230, will be integrated throughout the course via classroom discussion.

COMMUNICATION POLICY:

I will use your University of Akron email address to communicate with you, so please check it often. I will check my University of Akron email at least once a day on Mondays – Thursdays (except holidays). I will also check my email sporadically on weekends and holidays. It is much better to contact me via email than voicemail.

RESPONSE TIME:

See above for the communication policy. Unless an extremely unusual circumstance arises, I will return graded assignments to you by the next class period.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Any student who feels she/he may need an accommodation based on the effect of a disability should contact the Office of Accessibility at 330-972-7928.

INCOMPLETES:

At the discretion of the instructor, a student may receive an I (incomplete) grade if he/she has completed substantially the entire course, has a passing grade, and is unable, for an exceptionally extraordinary reason that is supported by written documentation, to complete the course requirements. Failure to make up the omitted work satisfactorily by the end of exam

week of the following term, not including summer sessions, converts the “I” to an “F.” When the work is satisfactorily completed within the allotted time, the “I” is converted to whatever grade the student has earned. It is the responsibility of the student to make up the incomplete work.

WITHDRAWALS:

Students who withdraw from this class must do so officially by October 13, 2014; otherwise they will receive an F for the course. Details for the policy are in board rule 3359-20-051 and can be found at <http://www.uakron.edu/ssc/withdrawal-policy.dot>.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT: THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON IS AN EQUAL EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT INSTITUTION - Operating under nondiscrimination provisions of Titles VI, VII, of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended and IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 as amended. Executive Order 12466, Vocational Rehabilitation Act Section 504, Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Act, and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as related to admissions, treatment of students, and employment practices. It is the policy of this institution that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any individual at The University of Akron because of race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, handicap or status as a veteran. The University of Akron will not tolerate sexual harassment of any form in its programs and activities, and prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment and admissions.

The nondiscrimination policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, employees and applicants. Complaints of possible sex and other forms of discrimination should be referred to:
AA/EEO Office, ASB, Room 125D, Akron, OH 44325-4709, Phone: (330) 972-7300

Policy Information on Title IX may be obtained from:
Title IX Coordinator, ASB, Room 125D, Akron, OH 44325-4709, Phone: (330) 972-6462

Policy Information on the Americans with Disabilities Act may be obtained from:
ADA Coordinator, ASB 125 D, Akron, OH 44325-4709, Phone: (330) 972-6462

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

Regular, punctual attendance is expected. Accreditation standards require monitoring class attendance but no points are awarded for attendance. Students who miss 4 or more regular class meetings will be administratively dropped from the course. If you are a military veteran, please contact the University of Akron Military Services Center at <http://www.uakron.edu/veterans> or (330) 972-7838 for more detailed information regarding attendance requirements.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Any form of cheating on exams, projects, cases, or homework assignments will result in an “F” (0 points) for that exam or assignment. Students should pay particular attention in order to avoid plagiarism on the research exam and research memos. A copy of the University’s academic misconduct policy is reprinted below.

Academic Misconduct

Students at The University of Akron are an essential part of the academic community, and enjoy substantial freedom within the framework of the educational objectives of the institution. The freedom necessary for learning in a community so rich in diversity and achieving success toward our educational objectives requires high standards of academic integrity. Academic misconduct has no place in an institution of advanced learning. The University community is governed by the policies and regulations contained within the Student Code of Conduct available at www.uakron.edu/studentlconduct/cod-of-conduct.dot contact Student Judicial Affairs at (330) 972-6830.

The University of Akron considers academic integrity an essential part of each student's personal and intellectual growth. Instances of academic misconduct are addressed consistently. All members of the community contribute actively to building a strong reputation of academic excellence and integrity at The University of Akron.

It is each student's responsibility to know what constitutes academic misconduct and to seek clarification directly from the instructor if necessary. Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- Submission of an assignment as the student's original work that is entirely or partly the work of another person.
- Failure to appropriately cite references from published or unpublished works or print/non-print materials, including work found on the World Wide Web.
- Unauthorized copying of an assignment in computer programming, or the unauthorized examination or view of the computer, specifically during examinations.
- Possession and/or unauthorized use of tests, notes, books, calculators or formulas stored in calculators not authorized by the instructor during an examination.
- Providing and/or receiving unauthorized information from another student other than the instructor, by any verbal or written means.
- Observing or assisting another student's work.
- Violation of the procedures prescribed by the professor to protect the integrity of the examination.
- Cooperation with a person involved in academic misconduct.

A student who has been accused of academic misconduct will be asked to meet with the course instructor. The matter can be resolved informally at the College level and/or an academic sanction can be imposed. If the student opposes the decision, he/she may appeal to the College Dean. If the matter is referred to Student Judicial Affairs, a meeting will occur and, if the evidence indicates it is more likely than not that an academic misconduct violation has occurred, the office will take action, including, but not limited to, suspension or dismissal from the University. A more detailed discussion of these procedures can be found in the Student Code of Conduct found at www.uakron.edu/studentlife/sja.

CELL PHONE USAGE:

Use of cellular phones in the classroom is not allowed. Cellular phones should be turned off or muted and kept in purses/backpacks.

TOBACCO POLICY:

No tobacco products are allowed in the classroom, including ecigarettes.

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Business Law
Schedule and Assignment Sheet**
Fall 2021

Class #	Topic	Reading Assignments	
	An Overview of the American Legal and Court System A. Nature of Law B. Sources of Law C. Common Law D. Classification of Law E. The Dual Court System F. The Federal Court System G. The State Court System H. Federal Specialty Courts I. Civil Litigation and Procedure	Chapters 1, 2, 3	
	Constitutional Law and Business A. Nature and Overview of the U.S Constitution B. Federal Economic Regulation C. Limitations on State Economic Regulation D. Limitations on Federal and State Powers E. The Bill of Rights and Business Administrative Law A. Origin and Purpose of Administrative Agencies B. Control of Administrative Agencies C. Rulemaking D. Adjudication E. Judicial Review	Chapters 4, 5	
	Tort Law A. Introduction to Torts B. Intentional Torts to the Person C. Intentional Torts to Property D. Torts Involving Business Relations E. Negligence F. Strict Liability G. Products Liability Contracts: The Agreement A. Nature and Classification of Contracts B. Offer C. Acceptance Contracts: Consideration, Capacity, Legality, Mutuality, and Statute of Frauds A. Consideration B. Substitutes for Consideration C. Capacity, D. Legality E. Reality of Mutual Assent F. Statute of Frauds	Chapters 7, 8, 9, 10	
	Contracts: Parol Evidence, Conditions, Discharge, Remedies, Third Party Rights and Duties A. Parol Evidence Rule B. Conditions C. Discharge D. Remedies	Chapters 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E. Third Party Beneficiaries F. Assignment G. Delegation <p>Sale of Goods: Contract Formation, Title, Risk of Loss, Performance, Remedies, and Warrants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sales: Fundamentals B. Formation of Sales Contracts C. Modification, Parol Evidence, and the Statute of Frauds D. Passage of Title E. Risk of Loss F. Performance G. Buyers and Sellers Remedies H. Warrants 		
	<p>Sales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Introduction and Definitions B. Fundamentals C. Consideration D. Form of Contract E. Performance F. Transfer of Title G. Product Liability H. Sales Remedies 	Chapters 19, 20, 21, 22, 23	
	<p>Business Associations</p> <p>Partnerships and Other Entities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Nature and Formation B. Rights and Authority of Partners C. Partner's Liability to Third Parties D. Dissolution and Winding Up E. Limited Partnerships F. Other Entities <p>Corporations: Nature, Formation, and Financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Basic Characteristics of a Corporation B. Formation A. Financing Structures and Dividends <p>Corporations: Operations and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Directors B. Officers C. Shareholders D. Fundamental Corporate Change <p>Federal Securities Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Introduction B. Securities Act of 1933 C. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 B. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) 	Chapters 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36	
	<p>Antitrust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Basic Concepts B. Sherman Act, Section One – Restraints of Trade C. Sherman Act, Section two – Monopolies D. Clayton Act E. Robinson-Patman Act F. Federal Trade Commission Act 	Chapters 42	
	Consumer Protection	Chapters 44	
	Final exam		

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