

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer Course A.A. Degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: BUS 117 Legal Environment of Business

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS: Appropriate language skills.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS None

PREREQUISITE:

COREQUISITE:

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

SCOPE OF COURSE: Business legal systems, sources of law, social and ethical influences, judicial and administrative systems, contracts, torts, bankruptcy, agency, business organizations, securities regulation, regulation of property, and protection of intellectual property interests.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES: Successful students will

1. identify the economic and legal environment as it pertains to profit and nonprofit organizations with consideration of social and political influences as they affect such organizations.
2. analyze a set of facts to consider legal issues as they pertain to those facts, to use given set of laws in relation to those facts, to apply these rules of law, and to come to a proper legal conclusion.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

1. Law and the Legal System
 - a. What is Law?
 - b. Sources of Law.
 - c. The Constitution and Business.
 - d. The Court System and Judicial Process.
 - e. Alternative Dispute Resolution.
 - f. Administrative Law.
2. Regulating Private Business Conduct and Crime
 - a. Contracts.
 - b. Torts.
 - c. Product Liability.
 - d. Business Crime and Criminal Procedure.
 - e. Business Ethics and Social Responsibility

3. Organizing Business
 - a. Agency.
 - b. Forms of Business Organization.
 - c. Securities Regulation.

4. Employment and the Law
 - a. Labor-management Law.
 - b. Employment Law.

5. Consumer Protection
 - a. Consumer Credit
 - b. Bankruptcy

6. Government Regulation of Business
 - a. Antitrust Law
 - b. Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices
 - c. Regulating Financial Markets
 - d. Environmental Law

7. Property Rights
 - a. Regulation of Property
 - b. Protection of Intellectual Property Interests
 - c. Bailments

8. International Business
 - a. International Legal Environment of Business

REQUIRED READING:

Texts appropriate for the course, such as the following:

Meiners, Roger E., et al., The Legal Environment of Business. 7 edition. Cincinnati: International Thompson Publishing, 2000.

SUGGESTED READING: None

REQUIRED WRITING: Students will

1. Perform critical mental assessments by providing written evaluations of legal case problems and questions provided by the instructor, or as contained in the text. The length of this assignment may vary, but will in all cases be greater than one paragraph, and only rarely exceed two pages.

Or Because legal analysis requires both written and verbal critical thinking ability:

2. Respond with critical (legal) reasoning to legal case problems and questions by the instructor, or as contained in the text.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short-term classes.

In addition to studying the text and lecture notes and preparing legal case problems, students will complete at least 10 assignments related to end of chapter questions or cases to be determined by each individual instructor.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Will vary by instructor. Usually the lecture of lecture/discussion method will be the prime vehicle. Videos, guest lectures, and field trips may also be employed.

Check all that apply:

- lecture
- laboratory
- lecture-laboratory combination
- directed study

DISTANCE LEARNING:

This course may be offered as a distance learning course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes No

If yes, check all that apply:

- Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

This course will be taught by several instructors. The grading policy that follows is quite typical of that being used by those instructors. However, it is probable that minor individual variations will exist.

Unit tests	50%	The grade scale is typically	90-100%	A
Classroom Participation	10%		80-89%	B
Written Assignments	15%		70-79%	C
Final Exam	25%		60-69%	D
			Less than 60%	F

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes No Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s), 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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