

INSTRUCTOR:

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Text: This is an Open Educational Resource (OER) course, which means there is no textbook to buy!

Course Description

This course covers significant legal issues that arise in the context of business such as torts, product liability, contracts, intellectual property, banking, agency, commercial law, etc. Through critical thinking students create frameworks to recognize legal issues before they arise, prevent them if possible, and follow an attorney's advice effectively.

Course Learning Outcomes	SLCC CWSLO #
Learn and use business legal vocabulary in appropriate contexts	1, 2
Differentiate between various legal systems (public, private, civil, criminal, administrative, etc.)	1, 4
Discover potential liability risks common in business and determine when legal counsel is necessary	1
Employ frameworks for analyzing common legal issues in business	1
Discover how corporate social responsibility, ethics, and human rights issues interact in and build upon a business legal environment	1,5

Get To Know Your Course

This course is a fully online course, which means that most of the content is delivered on the pages in the course. It is important to not skip any of the pages in the course by just going directly to the quizzes and assignments like you might do for a face-to-face class.

The course is designed for you to progress linearly. The pages, quizzes, discussions, and assignments build on each other in a particular order. You'll want to start with the orientation module and then move through every page in each module. You can do this by using the Next button at the bottom of the page or by using the "Modules" tab on the left-hand menu. These are the best ways to view the course (not via the other tabs on the left or the to-do list on your dashboard).

The following is an overview of each of the links in the course navigation menu:

- The "Home" page includes instructor information, important links, the course calendar, as well as links to all of the modules.
- The "Announcements" tab on the left-hand menu will give you access to all of the announcements the instructor has sent out that have not expired.
- The "Modules" tab will allow you to see all of the pages in the course, including the quizzes and assignments and when they are due. From this view of the course, you can navigate straight to any page in the course.
- "Grades" will track your points earned on assignments in the course.

Assignment Types

There are many types of assignments that you will complete in this course:

- *Vocabulary Checks*

These are quick multiple choice quizzes meant to help you retain vocabulary and concepts that you just read. Every module has multiple readings, and every reading will have a vocabulary check. You may take vocabulary checks as many times as you want before the due date.

- *Concept Checks*

These are multiple choice quizzes that will take you much longer to complete than the vocabulary checks. They are meant to test your critical thinking and application skills, and relate directly to all of the content that you have read in the module. You have two chances to take the concept check and correct any previous errors.

- *Open Ended Discussions*

These discussions are meant to introduce you to new concepts, new problems, and interesting questions that pertain to business law. They are meant to facilitate interaction, as well as to support the concepts that you have been reading about in the module. These discussions will be graded with a rubric.

- *Case Analyses*

This activity is meant to test your ability to analyze a legal problem using the IRAC method of analysis. It will test your application of the reading, your ability to break apart legal problems, and your communication skills. These case analyses will be graded with a rubric.

- *End of Unit Exams*

There are three units in this course. At the completion of each unit there will be a unit exam. These are comprehensive multiple choice tests and will cover every reading in every module throughout the unit. Since there are three end of unit exams there will be no final.

Grading Scale

93-100 % = A	79-82 % = B-	66-68 % = D+
90-92 % = A-	76-78 % = C+	63-65 % = D
87-89 % = B+	73-75 % = C	59-62 % = D-
83-86 % = B	69-72 % = C-	BELOW 59 % = E

Grade Weight Percentages

Vocabulary and Concept Checks - 25%

Open Ended Reflections - 20%

Case Analysis - 20%

End of Unit Exams - 35%

Weekly Schedule

Each new week begins Sunday, and has a weekly assignment deadline of the following Sunday. However, we do suggest that you adhere to the following schedule:

- By Monday night you should have read the overview page for the week so that you know how to plan your time for the week.
- By Wednesday you should have
 - Completed all of the readings
 - Completed the vocabulary checks
 - Completed the concept check
- By Thursday you should have
 - Participated in the open ended discussion
- By Sunday you should have
 - Completed the IRAC analysis in the case study
 - Responded to your peers on the discussion boards and peer review boards

Suggested Time Commitment

Average week:

- Textbook readings - 3 hours
- Vocabulary checks - 30 minutes
- Concept check - 2 hours
- Open ended reflection - 1 hour
- Case analysis - 2 hours

Please Note: These numbers are suggestions, not guarantees. This course is rigorous and requires that you apply what you are learning in a critical way. Ensure that you plan your time accordingly.

About This Course

This course covers some of the significant legal issues that arise in the context of business. Our aim is to help you, through critical thinking, create frameworks in your mind so you recognize legal issues before they arise, prevent them if possible, and follow your attorney's advice effectively when necessary. You will accomplish this and develop a legal vocabulary for discussing legal issues through readings, concept and vocabulary check questions, discussion questions, and case analysis assignments.

The course is divided into 15 modules grouped into 3 units. In each module you will read an overview of the module and selected readings from *Business Law: An Introduction* by Jason Gordon (hosted with permission from [The Business Professor \(Links to an external site.\)](#)[Links to an external site.](#)), which is the primary text for this course. This reading is broken up by quick vocabulary checks meant to help you retain the information from the text. Modules also include concept checks, case studies, and open ended discussions meant to help you critically think about business law in new and interesting ways. Additionally you will have an exam after every unit for which you must prepare. There are three unit exams, and no final.

No prior business law knowledge is required to complete this course. However, we recommend that you have completed Business 1010 or Business 1050 before completing this course.

The outcomes of this course include being able to:

- Learn and use business legal vocabulary in appropriate contexts
- Differentiate between various legal systems (public, private, civil, criminal, administrative, etc.)
- Discover potential liability risks common in business and determine when legal counsel is necessary
- Employ frameworks for analyzing common legal issues in business
- Discover how corporate social responsibility, ethics, and human rights issues interact in and build upon a business legal environment

Orientation

This Orientation module must be finished before moving on to other modules. The Orientation contains important information and activities that will help you to be successful in the course!

In this orientation module, you will:

- Read the course syllabus
- Get to know how the course works
- Learn "netiquette" standards for course discussions
- Identify ways to get technical support
- Introduce yourself to the class
- Participate in an Orientation scavenger hunt assignment
- Be given tools to complete homework assignments

Note: You must complete this orientation before accessing the rest of the course. Also, this orientation module will serve as the syllabus for this course. There will be no downloadable syllabus.

Late Work Policy

Students are expected to turn in case studies, vocabulary and concept checks, discussion posts, and unit exams on the expected due date. Late work is only accepted under the following circumstances:

- *Case Analysis*: Case Analysis assignments may be accepted **within 48 hours** of the expected due date and will be assessed a late penalty
 - 48 hours after assignments are due, **students will receive no credit**
- *Exams, Vocabulary, and Concept Checks*: There will be **no late work accepted** for these assignments
- *Discussions*: Your initial post and response is due on the expected due date, and there will be **no late work accepted**

Course Summary:

Date	Details
Thu Jan 10, 2024	Get to Know You
	Module 1 Case Analysis
	Module 1 Concept Check
	Module 1 Open Ended Discussion
Sun Jan 13, 2024	Scavenger Hunt/Practice Submitting Assignments
	Student Code of Conduct
	Vocabulary Check 1.1
	Vocabulary Check 1.2
	Vocabulary Check 1.3
Sun Jan 20, 2024	Module 2 Case Analysis
	Module 2 Concept Check
	Module 2 Open Ended Discussion
	Vocabulary Check 2.1

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	<u>Vocabulary Check 2.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 2.3</u>
Sun Jan 27, 2024	<u>Module 3 Case Analysis</u>
	<u>Module 3 Concept Check</u>
	<u>Module 3 Open Ended Discussion</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 3.1</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 3.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 3.3</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 3.4</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 3.5</u>
Sun Feb 3, 2024	<u>Module 4 Case Analysis</u>
	<u>Module 4 Concept Check</u>
	<u>Module 4 Open Ended Discussion</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 4.1</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 4.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 4.3</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 4.4</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 4.5</u>
Thu Feb 7, 2024	<u>End of Unit 1 Exam</u>
Sun Feb 10, 2024	<u>Module 5 Case Analysis</u>
	<u>Module 5 Concept Check</u>
	<u>Module 5 Open Ended Discussion</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 5.1</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 5.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 5.3</u>

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Sun Feb 17, 2024	Module 6 Case Analysis <hr/> Module 6 Concept Check <hr/> Module 6 Open Ended Discussion <hr/> Vocabulary Check 6.1 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 6.2 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 6.3
Sun Feb 24, 2024	Module 7 Case Analysis <hr/> Module 7 Concept Check <hr/> Module 7 Open Ended Discussion <hr/> Vocabulary Check 7.1 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 7.2 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 7.3
Sun Mar 3, 2024	Module 8 Case Analysis <hr/> Module 8 Concept Check <hr/> Module 8 Open Ended Discussion <hr/> Vocabulary Check 8.1 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 8.2 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 8.3
Sun Mar 10, 2024	Module 9 Case Analysis <hr/> Module 9 Concept Check <hr/> Module 9 Concept Check: Business Entities Table <hr/> Module 9 Open Ended Discussion <hr/> Vocabulary Check 9.1 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 9.2 <hr/> Vocabulary Check 9.3

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Sun Mar 17, 2024	Module 10 Case Analysis
	Module 10 Concept Check
	Module 10 Open Ended Discussion
	Vocabulary Check 10.1
	Vocabulary Check 10.2
	Vocabulary Check 10.3
	Vocabulary Check 10.4
Vocabulary Check 10.5	
Mon Mar 25, 2024	End of Unit 2 Exam
Wed Mar 27, 2024	Module 11 Case Analysis
	Module 11 Concept Check
	Module 11 Open Ended Discussion
	Vocabulary Check 11.1
	Vocabulary Check 11.2
Vocabulary Check 11.3	
Sun Apr 7, 2024	Module 12 Case Analysis
	Module 12 Concept Check
	Module 12 Open Ended Discussion
	Vocabulary Check 12.1
	Vocabulary Check 12.2
Vocabulary Check 12.3	
Sun Apr 14, 2024	Module 13 Case Analysis
	Module 13 Concept Check
	Module 13 Open Ended Discussion
	Vocabulary Check 13.1

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	<u>Vocabulary Check 13.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 13.3</u>
	<u>Module 14 Case Analysis</u>
	<u>Module 14 Concept Check</u>
Sun Apr 21, 2024	<u>Module 14 Open Ended Discussion</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 14.1</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 14.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 14.3</u>
	<u>Module 15 Case Analysis</u>
	<u>Module 15 Concept Check</u>
Sun Apr 28, 2024	<u>Module 15 Open Ended Discussion</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 15.1</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 15.2</u>
	<u>Vocabulary Check 15.3</u>
Wed May 1, 2024	<u>End of Unit 3 Exam</u>