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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

BUSI 301 BUSINESS LAW

COURSE DESCRIPTION

BUSI 301 is designed to increase the understanding of the American legal system and those legal principles which apply to the business environment. Business organizations, torts, contracts, employment relationships and issues, intellectual property, and international law are among the topics discussed.

RATIONALE

The purpose of this course is to assist the student in identifying the legal issues associated with business operations so that he or she may effectively respond and seek competent legal counsel.

I. PREREQUISITES

Sophomore standing

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES

Click on the following link to view the required resources for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with Internet access (broadband recommended)
- B. Microsoft Word
(Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to LU students.)
- C. *The Holy Bible*

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Recognize some of the ethical/legal dilemmas faced by businesses.
- B. Compare the basic elements of the American legal system, the federal and state court systems and the alternatives to litigation.
- C. Differentiate the basic business legal entities and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- D. Describe the basic elements of a contract, identify possible contract defenses, and propose contract remedies in hypothetical fact patterns.

- E. Examine major areas for litigation in the employment law field.
- F. Recognize some of the basic issues of international law facing a business operating internationally in the global economy.
- G. Analyze all of the preceding in light of the teachings and principles taught in the Holy Scriptures.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes
- B. Discussion Board Forums (4)

Each Discussion Board forum will be completed in two parts: 1) a 300-word post (thread) in response to the presented case study, and 2) a 100-word post (reply) to the threads of two classmates. All posts should incorporate research and should be formatted in APA style.

- C. Courtroom Observation Paper

The student will observe a recorded presentation of a court in session. This can be found within the course Reading & Study folder. The student will then write a 5–7- page description of the proceedings.

- D. Book Review

The student will review the book *Business for the Glory of God*. After reviewing the book, the student will write a 5–7-page paper reflecting on the information contained in the book, connecting to information discussed in the course.

- E. Quizzes (4)

Students will complete four quizzes, each consisting of 25 multiple-choice and true/false questions. All quizzes are open-book, open-notes; however be advised that there is a time limit. Students may not receive help from another person while taking the exam.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

- A. Points

DB forum threads	(4 at 50 pts ea)	200
DB forum replies	(4 at 50 pts ea)	200
Courtroom Observation Paper		100
Book Review		100
Quizzes	(4 at 100 pts ea)	400

Total 1000

- B. Scale

A = 900–1000 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Policies

1. Class Professionalism

The student should demonstrate professionalism throughout the course. Professionalism in the course includes, but is not limited to, promptness in submitting and completing assignments, participation and contribution to Discussion Board discussions, respect for the instructor and other students, effort, and clarity in communications. Refer to Blackboard for further details.

2. Communication

3. The instructor will respond to most emails within 24 hours and will respond to some but not all of the discussion board entries. Feedback on the courtroom observation and book review assignments will be provided.

4. Late/Missed Assignment Policy

All assignments are due by the dates provided in the course. No late work will be accepted except in the case of an emergency.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact the LU Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbooks: Bagley, C.E. & Savage, D. W. *Managers and the Legal Environment: Strategies for the 21st Century* (2010).

Grudem, W. *Business for the Glory of God: The Bible's Teaching on the Moral Goodness of Business* (2003).

WEEK/ MODULE	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Bagley: chs. 1 & 2 2 presentations Begin reading Grudem	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1 thread	0 0 50
2	Bagley: chs. 3 & 11 1 presentation	DB Forum 1 replies Quiz 1	50 100
3	Bagley: chs. 7 & 8 1 presentation	DB Forum 2 thread	50
4	Bagley: chs. 9 & 24 1 presentation Continue reading Grudem	DB Forum 2 replies Quiz 2	50 100
5	Bagley: chs. 5 & 12 8 presentations	DB Forum 3 thread Courtroom Observation Paper	50 100
6	Bagley: ch. 13 1 presentation	DB Forum 3 replies Quiz 3	50 100
7	Bagley: chs. 20 & 21 1 presentation Complete Grudem	DB Forum 4 thread Book Review	50 100
8	Bagley: chs. 22 & 23 2 presentation	DB Forum 4 replies Quiz 4	50 100
TOTAL			1000

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course week (except week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.