

COURSE TITLE AND NUMBER: BUSINESS LAW I B 290

North Central Michigan College

NCMC MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS

Last Revised Date: 11/22/04

DIVISION/AREA: Business and Technology

DEPARTMENT:

DIVISION DIRECTOR: Robert J. Marsh, Ph.D., P.E.

ORIGINATOR:

DEAN OF INSTRUCTION: Timothy Dykstra, Ph.D.

TOTAL HOURS OF INSTRUCTION: 3 LECTURE: 3 LAB: 0 TOTAL CONTACT HOURS: 52.8

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CREDIT HOURS: 3

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TRANSFERABLE YES: X NO: TO: LSSU BA254

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE(S)/ADVISORY: None

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the fundamental principles of law for business and non-business students. The course covers the laws and regulations affecting business conduct. Content includes the nature and source of laws; the ethics and responsibilities of running a business; business organizations and government regulations. Specific areas of the law will include: constitutional law; criminal law; tort law and other statutory law regulating the conduct of businesses.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

- Think critically and analytically
- Write and speak effectively
- Independently acquire knowledge
- Gain an understanding of the major ideas, values and events of Western civilization and American society, and knowledge of the organization and functioning of our political system

COURSE OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES:

At the completion of this course:

- Students will understand how our legal system has evolved and how it constantly changes to interact with our political, economic and social systems.
- Students will also understand why various general fields and certain specific areas of law exist.

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METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture, class participation, exams.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

- An average grade based on ten of eleven tests to be given.

REQUIRED TEXTS: Cheeseman, Contemporary Business Law, 3rd edition

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:

Reasonable accommodations may be provided for students with documented physical, sensory, cognitive, systemic, and/or psychiatric disabilities. Please contact the Learning Support Services (LSS) at (231) 348-6682 to arrange services for this course.

TIME ALLOWANCE AND SEQUENCE OF INSTRUCTION:

Week	Chapters
1	History of law and the meaning of fundamental law
2	Ch 1 & 3, US Common law, US Constitutional law
3	Ch3, First amendment issues
4	Ch 3, First amendment-business issues
5	Ch 7 Business structures, Corporate responsibility
6	(materials) Corporate responsibility panel. Rules 400, 800, 501
7	Ch 5, Criminal Law
8	Ch 4, Tort Law
9	Panel, Tort or Criminal
10	Midterm exam
11	Speaker
12	Ch 25 & 26 (selections), Civil rights/Equal employment
13	Ch 25 & 26 (selections), Civil rights/Equal employment
14	Ch 14, Protecting and marketing business ideas and inventions. Speaker

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15	Ch 34, Environmental protection
16	Panel- Business and the environment

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