

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BUS 235S BUSINESS LAW
4 CREDIT HOURS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to the legal environment and the judicial process as they affect the business environment. The substantive areas of torts, contracts, property, partnerships and corporations, debtor/creditor relations, and agency along with employment issues will be developed using business-related cases.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level	Course Goal	Program Outcomes
3	1. Use legal language and apply concepts as they relate to business.	
3	2. Demonstrate an understanding of ethical behavior and social responsibility in the global environment in which businesses operate.	
3A	3. Justify the stakeholder/shareholder perspectives in the business decision-making process.	
4	4. Explain the legal system in the United States as it relates to business.	
2	5. Discuss the basic law of contracts, torts, property, business organizations, and debtor-creditor relations as they relate to business.	
1	6. Identify the regulatory forces that impact businesses.	
3	7. Apply regulatory provisions to business.	
3	8. Articulate basic strategies for avoiding and addressing legal problems in business.	
5	9. Justify the basic legal reasoning used to determine the outcome of a case.	
3	10. Apply critical thinking to the legal implications present in business activities.	

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison. They are communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry and respect for learning, and interpersonal skills and teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce or reinforce those core values whenever possible.

TOPIC OUTLINE

- I. Overview of the Law and the Legal System
 - A. Law and Determination of Legal Rights
 - B. Ethics and Social Forces
 - C. Sources of Law
 - D. Court System
 - E. Civil Litigation / Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

- II. Torts
 - A. General Principles
 - B. Analysis of Specific Torts
 - C. Products Liability

III. Contract

- A. Nature and Classes of Contracts
- B. Agreement
- C. Capacity and Genuineness of Assent
- D. Legality and Public Policy
- E. Form of Contract
- F. Interpretation of Contracts
- G. Third Persons
- H. Discharge of Contracts
- I. Remedies for Breach

IV. Agency and Employment

- A. Creation of the Agency Relationship
- B. Termination of the Agency Relationship
- C. Agent's Authority
- D. Duties and Liabilities of Principal and Agent
- E. Third Persons and Liability
- F. Employment Issues

V. Business Organizations

- A. Forms of Business Organizations
- B. Creation/termination of Partnerships
- C. Powers, Duties and Liabilities of Partners
- D. Creation/Powers of Corporations
- E. Securities Regulation
- F. Liability/Responsibility of Shareholders, Directors, and Officers

VI. Property

- A. Personal Property
- B. Bailments
- C. Intellectual Property
- D. Real Property
- E. Multiple Ownership
- F. Liens
- G. Landlord Tenant (R.C. 5321)

VII. Debtor-Creditor Relations

- A. Secured Transactions
- B. Liens
- C. Bankruptcy

VIII. Consumer Protection

- A. Advertising, Marketing, and Sales
- B. Labeling and Packaging
- C. Protection of Health and Safety
- D. Credit Protection

IX. Environmental Law

- A. Air and Water Pollution
- B. Toxic Chemical and Hazardous Waste