

SYLLABUS
PART I
EDISON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BUS 235S BUSINESS LAW
3 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, agency and employment issues, along with regulatory forces impacting business, will be developed using business-related cases.

COURSE GOALS

The student will:

Bloom's Level		Program Outcomes
3	1. Apply familiarity with legal language and concepts as they relate to business.	1, 7
4	2. Explain the structure and function of the U.S. legal system as it relates to business.	3, 8
2	3. Describe the civil foundations of law (contracts, torts, property, agency, and business organizations) and their application to business contexts.	4, 10
3	4. Identify and apply regulatory provisions to business situations.	4, 5, 8, 9
3	5. Identify legal risks in the business environment.	2, 9
4, 5	6. Apply critical thinking to legal implications in business activities.	4, 6

CORE VALUES

The Core Values are a set of principles that guide in creating educational programs and environments at Edison State Community College. They include communication, ethics, critical thinking, human diversity, inquiry/respect for learning, and interpersonal skills/teamwork. The goals, objectives, and activities in this course will introduce/reinforce these Core Values whenever appropriate.

Topic Outline

I. Overview of the Law and the Legal System

- Law and Determination of Legal Rights
- Ethics and Social Forces in Business
- Sources of Law
- Court System and Judicial Process
- Civil Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

II. Torts

- General Principles of Tort Law
- Negligence and Liability in Business Contexts
- Product Liability

III. Contracts

- Nature and Classes of Contracts
- Agreement (Offer and Acceptance)
- Capacity and Genuine Assent
- Legality and Public Policy
- Contract Form and Interpretation
- Performance, Discharge, and Remedies for Breach

IV. Agency and Employment

- Creation and Termination of Agency Relationships

- Agent's Authority and Duties
- Liabilities of Principals and Agents
- Employment Law Basics (rights, responsibilities, workplace regulation)

V. Business Organizations

- Forms of Business Organizations (sole proprietorships, partnerships, corporations)
- Creation and Termination of Partnerships
- Duties and Liabilities of Partners
- Corporate Formation and Powers
- Liability and Responsibilities of Shareholders, Directors, and Officers

VI. Property (Condensed)

- Personal and Real Property
- Intellectual Property (overview)

VII. Regulatory and Ethical Environment

- Consumer Protection (advertising, credit, health/safety basics)
- Environmental Law (overview of pollution and hazardous waste regulation)