

SPRING 2020
Course Syllabus

GENERAL INFORMATION

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Meeting Days: Tuesday/Thursday
Meeting Times: 8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.
Class Room: FSB104
Final Exam: 5/7/20 at 7:30 a.m.

PLNU Mission
To Teach – To Shape – To Send

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Fermanian School of Business Mission
Character – Professionalism – Excellence – Relationships – Commitment – Innovation

As members of a vital Christian community, we strive to provide high quality business programs that equip students to make a positive impact in their workplace and community by connecting purpose to practice.

Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive overview of legal issues encountered in business. Topics include the legal system, contracts, torts, product liability, intellectual and property rights, cyber crime, fraud, organizational forms, corporate formation and finance, securities law, business ethics and corporate governance.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

1. Define various legal terminology as it relates to business (PLO 1).
2. Exhibit an understanding of various legal concepts, including: contracts, torts, product liability, intellectual and property rights, cyber crime, fraud, organizational forms, corporate formation and finance, securities law, business ethics and corporate governance (PLO 1).
3. Examine legal solutions in hypothetical business situations (PLO 2).
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the ethical considerations of various legal situations in business (PLO 4).

Course Materials Required:

1. Clarkson, Miller & Cross, *Business Law Text and Cases*, 14th Edition, South-Western Cengage Learning, 2017.
2. Other articles and/or documents as assigned.

Assessment and Grading:

1. Student performance is based upon the following scale:

<u>Percent</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Performance</u>
88.0 – 100.0	A- to A	Exceptional Scholarship
78.0 – 87.0	B- to B+	Superior Scholarship
68.0 – 77.0	C- to C+	Satisfactory Scholarship
58.0 – 67.0	D- to D+	Marginal Scholarship
< 58.0	F	Unsatisfactory Scholarship/ Failing Grade

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2. Additional information regarding student performance:
 - a. **Class Participation:** The success of this course will be impacted by the quality of the daily participation. Each of you must feel comfortable contributing to discussions on a daily basis. Class participation will be based upon your contribution to discussions, including input or questions regarding the readings. In addition, you should be prepared to answer questions, and participate in group activities and other in-class assignments as that arise. Class participation will also be based upon your attendance – please see the class policy regarding attendance below.
 - b. **Exams:** Four (4) scheduled examinations and one (1) final examination will occur. Every student is to be present for the scheduled examinations and the final exam at the scheduled time. **No makeup exams will be given without PRIOR permission.** A makeup exam will be provided only for absences officially excused by the University provost or for emergencies completely beyond a student’s control, such as a documented illness or injury. You must coordinate any conflict with one of these exams with me as soon as you discover it, preferably not later than 48 hours prior to the exam.
 - c. **Final Examination Policy:** Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day. The final examination schedule is posted on the Class Schedules site. No requests for early examinations or alternative days will be approved.
 - d. **Incomplete & Late Assignments:** All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due – including assignments posted on Canvas. Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances.

Class Policies:

1. **Professionalism:** Students are expected to hold the highest levels of professionalism, including integrity, honesty, respectfulness, punctuality and mature leadership. Exemplary behavior is expected in this classroom.
2. **PLNU Academic Honesty Policy:** Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one’s own when in reality they are the results of another person’s creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. Faculty should follow and students may appeal using the procedure in the University Catalog. See Academic Policies for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.
3. **PLNU Copyright Policy:** Point Loma Nazarene University, as a non-profit educational institution, is entitled by law to use materials protected by the US Copyright Act for classroom education. Any use of those materials outside the class may violate the law.
4. **PLNU Attendance and Participation Policy:** The University Policy for Class Attendance will be followed (please see the PLNU Catalog - http://catalog.pointloma.edu/content.php?catoid=18&navoid=1278#Class_Attendance). **It is mandatory that you attend all class sessions.** You are responsible for any and all communication and announcements made by the instructor during the class; even those made during your absence. Regular and punctual attendance at all classes is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10% of class meetings the faculty member can file a written report which may result in de-enrollment. If absences exceed 20% (5 classes), the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the University drop date or, after that date, receive the appropriate grade for their work and participation. See Academic Policies in the Undergraduate Academic Catalog.
5. **Schedule and Other Changes:** The information in this syllabus is subject to change. Any such changes will be announced in class and/or communicated via Eclass or e-mail.
6. **E-Mail:** Assignments, announcements, changes to this syllabus and other communications from the instructor, from time to time, may be made via the student’s e-mail address. Students are required to review their email daily.
7. **Mobile Phones:** The use of mobile phones, including phone calls, texting or any other purposes, is not allowed in the classroom during class meetings and examinations. Please keep mobile phones turned-off and out of sight.
8. **Dropping the Course:** It is the student’s responsibility to maintain his/her class schedule. Should the need arise to drop this course (personal emergencies, poor performance, etc.), the student has the responsibility to follow through (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the University), not the instructor. Simply ceasing to attend this course or failing to follow through for a change of registration (drop/add) may easily result in a grade of F on the official transcript.

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9. ***PLNU Academic Accommodations Policy:*** While all students are expected to meet the minimum standards for completion of this course as established by the instructor, students with disabilities may require academic adjustments, modifications or auxiliary aids/services. At Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU), these students are requested to register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC), located in the Bond Academic Center. (DRC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). The DRC's policies and procedures for assisting such students in the development of an appropriate academic adjustment plan (AP) allows PLNU to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Section 504 (a) prohibits discrimination against students with special needs and guarantees all qualified students equal access to and benefits of PLNU programs and activities. After the student files the required documentation, the DRC, in conjunction with the student, will develop an AP to meet that student's specific learning needs. The DRC will thereafter email the student's AP to all faculty who teach courses in which the student is enrolled each semester. The AP must be implemented in all such courses.

If students do not wish to avail themselves of some or all of the elements of their AP in a particular course, it is the responsibility of those students to notify their professor in that course. PLNU highly recommends that DRC students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester about the applicability of their AP in that particular course and/or if they do not desire to take advantage of some or all of the elements of their AP in that course.

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MTG #	DATE	CHAPTER/READING	TOPIC
1	1/16		Review Syllabus/Course Introduction
2	1/21	Chapter 1	Law and Legal Reasoning
3	1/23	Chapter 2	Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution
4	1/28	Chapter 3	Court Procedures
5	1/30	Chapter 4	Business and the Constitution
6	2/4		EXAM 1 – Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4
7	2/6	Chapter 6	Tort Law
8	2/11	Chapter 7	Strict Liability and Product Liability
9	2/13	Chapter 8	Intellectual Property Rights
10	2/18	Chapter 10	Criminal Law and Cyber Crime
11	2/20		EXAM 2 – Chapters 6-8, 10
12	2/25	Chapter 11	Contracts: Nature and Terminology
13	2/27	Chapter 12	Agreement in Traditional and E-Contracts
14	3/3	Chapter 13	Consideration
15	3/5	Chapter 14	Capacity and Legality
16	3/17		EXAM 3 – Chapters 11-14
17	3/19	Chapter 15	Mistakes, Fraud and Voluntary Consent
18	3/24	Chapter 16	The Writing Requirement in Our Digital World
19	3/26	Chapter 17	Third Party Rights
20	3/31	Chapter 18	Performance and Discharge
21	4/2	Chapter 19	Breach of Contract and Remedies
22	4/7		EXAM 4 – Chapters 15-19
23	4/14	Chapter 36 and 37	Small Businesses and Franchises, All Forms of Partnerships
24	4/16	Chapter 38	Limited Liability Companies and Special Business Forms
25	4/21	Chapter 39	Corporate Formation and Financing
26	4/23	Chapter 40	Corporate Directors, Officers and Shareholders
27	4/28	Chapter 41	Mergers and Takeovers
28	4/30	Chapter 42	Investor Protection, Insider Trading and Corporate Governance
29	5/7	7:30 am – 10:00 am	FINAL EXAM – Chapters 36-42