

2010/2011 Business Law
PTB503 - 18 weeks
DoDEA Course Description and Competencies

About the Program

Business Law prepares students for careers in the law. The course sequence focuses on duties and tasks performed by legal professionals in as well as pre-employment and employment skills.

Major Concepts/Content: Business Law provides the student with a survey of the American legal system. Students will be obtain basic knowledge needed to become a better informed citizen, employee, and consumer This course develops an understanding of law as applied to society and to the individual. Topics include contracts, sales agreements, torts, constitutional law, criminal law, and family law.

Major Instructional Activities: Instructional activities will be provided in a classroom, in a lab utilizing individualized instruction, or by electronic learning services. Textbook, workbook problems, business simulation projects, appropriate software, and electronic research may be used. Enriched with student projects, debates, mock trials, field trips, guest speakers, and Internet activities, the course helps students understand the laws affecting businesses and consumers.

Major Evaluative Techniques: Students will be required to demonstrate an understanding of business law by passing objective and problem-solving tests and the successful completion of simulations, and projects.

The table below is a competency list for the Business Law course. The competencies are considered essential and are required of all students.

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Implementing DoDEA's CTE Course Requirements	
• 001	Demonstrate DoDEA's Workplace Readiness Skills in course activities.
• 002	Identify issues related to this field of study that affect the environment and impact local and global communities.
• 003	Identify Internet safety issues and procedures for complying with acceptable use standards.
Examining the Foundations of a Legal System	
• 004	Examine the constitutional basis for federal law.
• 005	Explain the need for laws.
• 006	Examine the ethical basis for laws.
• 007	Differentiate between criminal and civil law.
• 008	Describe the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the legal system.
• 009	Compare federal and state court systems.
• 010	Compare the different sources of law.
• 011	Differentiate between ethical and legal behavior.
• 012	Compare the legal rights and responsibilities of minors and adults.
• 013	Identify sources used to enforce the law at the local, state, and federal levels.
Identifying Contracts	
• 014	Explain the six essential elements of a contract.

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• 015	Compare types of contracts.
• 016	Examine the effects of a contract on a minor.
• 017	Explain the effects of a breach of contract.
• 018	Analyze the need for a contract.
• 019	Describe the purpose of the Statute of Frauds.
• 020	Explain the impact of the Uniform Commercial Code on interstate commerce.
Examining Rights and Responsibilities of Consumers	
• 021	Locate federal agencies that provide consumer protection information.
• 022	Identify federal and state laws that afford consumer protection.
• 023	Identify the reasons bankruptcy laws were enacted.
• 024	Identify the functions of different types of insurance.
• 025	Identify the elements of various negotiable instruments (e.g., drafts, checks, promissory notes).
• 026	Distinguish between real and personal property.
• 027	Distinguish between the rights and responsibilities of landlords versus tenants.
• 028	Identify the purpose of copyright and patent laws (e.g., tangible and intangible property).
Exploring Criminal Law	
• 029	Define criminal law.
• 030	Identify the different types of crimes.
• 031	Explain penalties associated with crimes.
• 032	Differentiate between juvenile and adult justice systems.
• 033	Distinguish between a misdemeanor and a felony.
• 034	Explain crimes often associated with business and organizations (e.g., embezzlement, extortion, computer crimes).
Exploring Tort Law	
• 035	Define tort law.
• 036	Identify common torts (e.g., assault, battery, defamation, negligence, product liability).
• 037	Explain penalties associated with torts.
• 038	Identify improper use of business technology and property (e.g., computers, personal digital assistants, cell phones, telephones).
Increasing Awareness of Family/Domestic Law	
• 039	Identify components of estate planning (e.g., power of attorney, wills, trusts, living wills).
• 040	Identify laws regulating marriage.
• 041	Identify laws regulating separation and divorce.
• 042	Interpret laws that sever the parent-child legal relationship.
• 043	Identify situations where legal assistance is advisable.
• 044	Locate professional sources for legal advice.

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Examining Legal Aspects of Employment	
• 045	Describe rights and responsibilities of employees and employers.
• 046	Identify federal, state, and local laws and agencies dealing with employment.
• 047	Identify the legal grounds for employee termination.
Analyzing Types of Business Organizations	
• 048	Summarize the legal requirements and the advantages and disadvantages of a sole proprietorship.
• 049	Summarize the legal requirements and the advantages and disadvantages of a partnership.
• 050	Summarize the legal requirements and the advantages and disadvantages of a corporation.
Preparing for Business Law Careers	
• 051	Research career opportunities in the legal profession.
• 052	Create or update a portfolio containing representative samples of student work.