Course Syllabus

Department: Business

Date: September 10, 2012

I. Course Prefix and Number: BUS 210

   Course Name: Legal Environment of Business

   Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 credit hours / 3 contact hours

   Catalog Description including pre- and co-requisites:

   This course is designed to provide an introduction to the legal environment in which Businesses exist. Topics to be explored include the origins of the philosophy of different schools of law along with an overview of selected areas relating to the framework of our legal system, the process of litigation and dispute resolution, the regulatory environment and administrative law, tort law, agency and employment law, and contract law. Further, an examination of business ethics and social responsibility will be integrated throughout the course.

   Relationship to Academic Programs and Curriculum including SUNY Gen Ed designation if applicable:

   This is a required course for Associate in Applied Science Tourism Management. It serves as a business elective in all Business degree programs and a general elective in all other degree programs.

II. Course Student Learning Outcomes: State the student learning outcome(s) for the course (e.g. Student will be able to identify…)

   At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:
   1. Identify potential legal problems in the business environment
   2. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic foundation of the U.S. legal system
   3. Understand the litigation process and be able to identify the various methods of dispute resolution.
   4. Analyze ethical issues in the business environment
   5. Recognize the basic elements of contract formation and their role in the business environment
   6. Demonstrate knowledge of the role and processes of administrative agencies as they relate to businesses

   College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course: (check each College Learning Outcome addressed by the Student Learning Outcomes)
III. Assessment Measures (Summarize how the college and student learning outcomes will be assessed): For each identified outcome checked, please provide the specific assessment measure.

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<th>List identified College Learning Outcomes(s)</th>
<th>Specific assessment measure(s)</th>
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<td>Reading</td>
<td>Students will be required to read the textbook throughout the course in order to demonstrate knowledge of the material and complete assignments.</td>
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<td>Critical Thinking</td>
<td>Students will be presented with a variety of legal issues throughout the course (in written assignments, tests, and class discussions) for which they will have to determine appropriate resolutions.</td>
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<td>Ethics / Values</td>
<td>Specifically, this course will instruct on ethics as it relates to the business environment. Students will be tested on ethics as well as receive assignments relating to ethics.</td>
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<td>Citizenship</td>
<td>Students will be instructed in the U.S. legal system throughout the semester. Students will be tested on this topic as well as receive assignments relating to the U.S. legal system.</td>
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IV. Instructional Materials and Methods

Types of Course Materials:

Textbook

Methods of Instruction (e.g. Lecture, Lab, Seminar …):

Lecture

Written Assignments
V. General Outline of Topics Covered:

1. The origins of Law.
2. The different schools of law.
3. The structure of the court system.
4. The nature of the adversarial system.
5. The different methods of dispute resolution.
6. The effect of the U.S. Constitution on business
7. Administrative law and processes as it relates to business
8. Examination of ethical issues.
10. Contract law and its role in the business environment
11. Agency law
12. Employment law