Course Syllabus

Department: Business Administration

Date: October 2014

I. Course Prefix and Number: BUS 228

   Course Name: Business Law II

   Credit Hours and Contact Hours: 3 Credit Hours / 3 Contact Hours

   Catalog Description including pre- and co-requisites: supporting data required for grade prerequisite of 'C' or higher.

   This course covers the study of legal principles applied to business transactions. Topics covered include: agency, business organizations, secured transactions, bankruptcy, tort law, real property and personal property.

   No pre-requisites / co-requisites.

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

   This course is one of two required alternatives in the Associate in Applied Science Business Degree and the Associate in Applied Science Accounting Degree. It serves as a business elective in all other 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. Demonstrate knowledge of the basic concepts of negotiable instruments.
   2. Demonstrate knowledge of the nature, formation, operation and termination of the various forms of business organization.
   3. Demonstrate knowledge of the rights, duties, and liabilities of sole proprietors, partners, shareholders, directors, officers and franchisors/franchisees.
   4. Demonstrate knowledge of the law surrounding personal property, real property and bailments.
   5. Demonstrate knowledge of secured transactions, including debtor/creditor rights, bankruptcy and reorganization.
   6. Demonstrate knowledge of agency formation and termination, duties and liability of principals/agents.
   7. Demonstrate knowledge of criminal law and cybercrimes as they relate to business
8. Demonstrate knowledge of tort law as it relates to business
9. Demonstrate knowledge of product liability and warranties.

**College Learning Outcomes Addressed by the Course:** (check each College Learning Outcome addressed by the Student Learning Outcomes)

- [ ] writing
- [ ] computer literacy
- [ ] oral communications
- [ ] ethics/values
- [x] reading  
  - X citizenship
- [ ] mathematics
- [ ] global concerns
- [ ] critical thinking
- [ ] information resources

**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>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:

A. Creditor’s Rights and Bankruptcy
   1. Secured Transactions
   2. Creditors’ Remedies
   3. Bankruptcy Law

B. Negotiable Instruments
   1. Basic concepts, negotiability and transferability
   2. Holder in due course and defenses
   3. Liability and discharge

C. Agency
   1. Agency Formation and Duties
   2. Liabilities to Third Parties and Termination

D. Business Organizations
   1. Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships
   2. Corporations: Formation and Financing
   3. Corporations: Directors, Shareholders, and Others
   4. Corporations: Merger, Consolidation, and Termination
   5. Limited Liability Companies and Partnerships

E. Property
   1. Personal Property and Bailments
   2. Real Property

F. Criminal Law and Cybercrimes
   1. Types of Crimes
   2. Defenses to Crimes
   3. Criminal Procedure

G. Torts
   1. Torts and strict liability
   2. Basic business torts
   3. Product liability