

# SYLLABUS

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**Code:** BUSI 221

**Title:** Business Law I

**Institute:** Business and Social Science    **Department:** Business

**Course Description:** The student will identify, define and describe contracts, agency, employment, wills, bailment, personal and real property.

**Prerequisites:** none

**Corequisites:** none

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**Credits:** 3

**Lecture Hours:** 3

**Lab/Studio Hours:** 0

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK/MATERIALS:**

Business Law Today, Miller & Jentz, West Publishing Co.

**ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIREMENTS:**

(Identify open lab or other activities that are required)

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Apply principles from humanities, social science, business, math and science to paralegal practice.
- Practice within the rules of professional conduct governing lawyers and legal assistants in the delivery of legal services.
- Apply substantive knowledge in contract law.
- Apply knowledge of federal and state court systems.
- Incorporate principles of diversity, multiculturalism and equal opportunity into paralegal practice.-
- Demonstrate ethical and professional decision-making using critical thinking skills

**GRADING STANDARD:**

**METHODS OF EVALUATION OF STUDENT PERFORMANCE:**

A. EACH ASSIGNMENT AND EXAM will be graded by the Instructor, as follows:

93 – 100%	= A
90 – 92%	= A-
87 – 89%	= B+
83 – 86%	= B
80 – 82%	= B-
76 – 79%	= C+
70 – 75%	= C
65 – 69%	= D
64 – below	= F

B. COURSE GRADE: Average of grades received on Exams\*\*\*

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\*\*\* At the option of the instructor, extra credit toward the course may be given for participation in student, local, state or national paralegal association activities. Also, at the option of the instructor, assignments requiring the student to prepare civil litigation documents such as pleadings, may modify the grade.

## **COURSE CONTENT:**

1. Introduction to the legal system/legal environment of Business.
2. Principles of contract law, nature and classification, agreement, capacity, consideration and legality
3. Contractual transactions
4. Agency
5. Real property, personal property, wills and insurance

## **DEPARTMENT POLICIES:**

### **Legal Studies Department Policies:**

1. Grading Policy:  
Grades for assignments, projects, exams, and courses are to be determined by the individual Instructor, however, the Department reserves the right to approve same for adjunct Instructors.
2. Cheating Policy:  
In light of the nature and ethical demands of the profession for which we are preparing students, it is the Department's policy that THERE WILL BE A ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHEATING OR UNETHICAL BEHAVIOR WITH RESPECT TO ANY ASPECT OF A STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. A student who is found to have engaged in same will receive no credit for any course that is involved and may be asked to leave the program. Further college disciplinary action may also be taken.
3. Attendance Policy:  
The Legal Studies Department wishes to advise students that, with rare exception, it would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to be successful in a course without regular class attendance. The Department, therefore, encourages attendance, except in cases of illness, emergency, or other serious problem or conflict. It is up to the individual Instructor as to whether to require attendance or to include it as a criterion for grading. In any event, no student should miss two consecutive classes, or three classes overall in a term, without contacting the course Instructor as soon as possible.
4. Taping Classes:  
Tape recording of classes or Legal Studies Department programs without a proper Alert form is prohibited. Tapes made pursuant to an Alert form are for the sole use of the student for whom the Alert form was issued, and are to be used only for the purposes provided therein.
5. "Retesting" Policy:  
It is the Department's position, in light on the nature and demands of the profession for which we are preparing students, that students will not be permitted to "retest", unless the individual Instructor finds compelling reason to do so in an unusual circumstance.
6. Course Testing Center Policy:  
The Department has no official policy other than to indicate it has no objection to an individual Instructor making use of the testing center under appropriate circumstances.
7. Late Assignment Test Policy:  
It is the Department's policy that all assignments and tests are to be completed and submitted in the date scheduled for same. It is up to the individual Instructor to determine what consequences, if any, will result from lateness. However, the Department reserves the right to approve same for adjunct Instructors.

Questions about the Legal Studies Department Program or the Paralegal Profession may be directed to the Program Director at (732) 224- 2976, to the Learning Assistant at (732) 224-2337, or to full time faculty members.

## **COLLEGE POLICIES:**

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For information regarding:

- ◆ Brookdale's Academic Integrity Code
- ◆ Student Conduct Code
- ◆ Student Grade Appeal Process

Please refer to the [BCC STUDENT HANDBOOK AND BCC CATALOG](#).

## **NOTIFICATION FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Brookdale Community College offers reasonable accommodations and/or services to persons with disabilities. Students with disabilities who wish to self-identify must contact the Disabilities Services Office at 732-224-2730 (voice) or 732-842-4211 (TTY) to provide appropriate documentation of the disability, and request specific accommodations or services. If a student qualifies, reasonable accommodations and/or services, which are appropriate for the college level and are recommended in the documentation, can be approved.

## **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT/LABS:**

Tutoring information is available at <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/academic-tutoring/tutoring-center/>

*The syllabus is intended to give student guidance in what may be covered during the semester and will be followed as closely as possible. However, the faculty member reserves the right to modify, supplement, and make changes as the need arises.*