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BADM 257.01: Business Law

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Business 257 - Business Law
Fall Semester, 2001 - MWF 9:10-10, GBB 106

Mission Statement The faculty and staff of the School of Business Administration at The University of Montana-Missoula are committed to excellence in innovative experiential learning and professional growth through research and service.

Catalog Description: An analysis of the legal and ethical implications of domestic and international commercial transactions.

Faculty: Prof. Jack Morton and Prof. Jerry Furniss

Office: Prof. Morton - GBB 324, Prof. Furniss - GBB 319

Office Hours: Due to our off-setting class schedules, one or both of us will usually be in from 8-5 every day. Stop by our offices any time. Feel free to call us at home or office. For "formal-you-can-pretty-well-bet-on-finding-us-almost-for-sure" office hours - MWF 11:10-12.

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Text: The Legal Environment of Business by Carr, etc.

Tentative Topical Coverage (topics may change as per class announcements):

Exam #1

Chapter 1 Introduction
Chapter 2 Courts and Dispute Resolution
Chapter 3 Government Regulation
Chapter 6 Introduction to Contract Law
Chapter 7 Agreement
Chapter 8 Mutual Consideration
Chapter 9 Writing Requirements
Chapter 10 Contract Defenses
Chapter 11 Contract Remedies
Chapter 14 Warranties
Chapter 28 Consumer Protection

Exam #2

Chapter 29 Employment and Labor Issues
Chapter 4 Crimes and Business
Chapter 15 Business Organizations Introduction
Chapter 16 Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships
Chapter 17 Business Entities with Limited Liability
Chapter 18 Going Public
Chapter 23 Commercial Real Estate Issues

Exam #3

Chapter 25 Intellectual Property
Chapter 21 Secured Transactions
Chapter 22 Bankruptcy
Chapter 5 Torts and Business
Chapter 26 Property and Liability Insurance
Chapter 30 International Transactions

Exams: Three examinations will be given. The examinations may cover lectures, class discussions, the text and any handout materials. Expect that slightly more than half of each exam will cover class lecture material. The exams will not be cumulative. **DO NOT** notify us if you are going to miss an exam. All make-up exams will be given Wednesday of finals week at 7 a.m.

Exam Schedule:

Wednesday, October 10, Exam #1

Wednesday, November 7, Exam #2

Friday, December 14, Exam #3 Exam #3 will be handed back at noon on Tuesday.

Missed Exam Make-ups - Wednesday of finals week at 7 a.m.

Final Exam - There will be no final exam. The only class meeting during finals week will be the handback of exam #3 scheduled for noon, Tuesday of finals week.

Grades: Unannounced "attendance" quizzes may be part of the grading process. After each exam or quiz, scores will be posted outside Prof. Morton's office - GBB 324. No letter grades will be assigned for individual exams. At the end of the semester, course grades will be determined by applying the University Catalog Grading Standard Curve (A for excellent performance, B for above-average performance, etc.). For the most part, the course grade will be based by applying this curve to the total number of points from the three exams and any quizzes. If your total points are at or below the middle point for the class, assume that you will likely not receive an A or B. Grades may be adjusted substantially to account for attendance. Our grader will attempt to promptly post exam Due to the expected number of make-up exams, final semester grades will not be reported to the registrar until the Monday after finals week.