



Course Syllabus

Course Number | Name: BUS340NT – Business Law and Biblical Ethics

Course Credits: 3

Course Duration: 8 weeks

Course Description:

The Business Law and Biblical Ethics course explores the themes of behavior in the context of business including the nature and function of the law in our business society; obligations arising out of tort; formation, performance, and discharge of contracts; the biblical foundation of ethics; applied philosophical ethics; ethical decision making in business; and historical case studies.

Applied Business Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs*):

1	Communicate effectively in a professional and diverse global environment.
2	Analyze business problems using appropriate theories and techniques.
3	Demonstrate digital literacy throughout their program.
4	Demonstrate foundational knowledge of the functional areas of business.
5	Work effectively in a team situation.
6	Articulate a biblical understanding of key business concepts.
7	Integrate discipline, specific knowledge, and skills into a complete business plan.

*Every business course must include assessments of some, but not all, of the PLOs. The highlighted ones are assessed in this course.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs):

#	CLOs	Bloom's*	PLO(s)~
1	Apply fundamental legal concepts as they relate to the business world.	3	1
2	Apply an understanding of how legal concepts impact and interact with the business world.	3	2,5
3	Apply the major areas of law and legal issues that typically arise in a business setting.	3	7
4	Apply how ethics impact business decision-making.	3	7

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5	Analyze how the ethical framework of the Bible and a Christian worldview play a role in legal analysis and business decision-making.	4	6
6	Evaluate legal and ethical business analysis and decision-making through the lens of the Bible and a Christian worldview.	5	6

*Indicates Bloom's Taxonomy cognitive domain level.

~Indicates which PLO(s) are aligned with the CLO.

Biblical Worldview Integration Plan:

There are no texts that effectively merge Business Law & Ethics with a comprehensive Christian worldview. As a result, the Weekly discussion prompts, hypothetical questions, and exit paper are extremely important to give students a complete picture of how the issues they are reading intersect with a Christian worldview. Traditional training in legal matters tends to focus myopically on issue spotting. This builds lawyers adept at spotting problems but weak in delivering resolution, healing, and wholeness. While a basic understanding of the law is necessary for lawyers and those operating in the business world, peacemaking is rarely emphasized in secular training. The recommended textbook provides students with an excellent array of the basic legal framework and issues. The Biblical integration will take these issues, in the form of weekly discussions and an exit paper, and utilize real-world examples of conflict, to allow students to grapple with the law, the Bible, the ethical implications, and (when applicable) the best course to take to make peace.

Required to Purchase Media:

Lau, Terrance and Lisa Johnson. *The Legal & Ethical Environment of Business* Version 4.0. FlatWorld. May 1, 2013. ISBN-13: 978-1453396346

Sande, Ken. *The PeaceMaker, Revised and Updated*. Baker Books. 2004. ISBN-13: 978-0-8010-6485-2

Grading Grid:

Assessments (# in parentheses) - # pts. each if > 1	Total Points
Discussions (8) - 25 pts. each	200
Weekly Hypothetical Essays (8) - 50 pts. each	400
Reading Content Questions Quizzes (7) - Weeks 1 & 2: 30 pts. each; Weeks 3-6 & 8: 28 pts. each	200
Peacemaking Reflection Exit Paper	200
Total Points:	1,000

Course Schedule:

Week 1

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "It's just business."
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapters 1 & 2
3. Sande: Chapter 1

Assignments:

1. Assignment 1-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 1-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Week 1 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 2

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "Conflict, Litigation & Making Peace."
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapters 3 & 4
3. Sande: Chapter 2

Assignments:

1. Assignment 2-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 2-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Week 2 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 3

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "Torts, Contracts, Issue Spotting & Conflict Prevention"
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapters 5, 6 & 7
3. Sande: Chapter 3

Assignments:

1. Assignment 3-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 3-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Week 3 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 4

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "Property Law & Getting the Log Out of Your Own Eye"
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapter 8
3. Sande: Chapters 4, 5 & 6

Assignments:

1. Assignment 4-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 4-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Week 4 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 5

Media:

1. Video Lesson "Criminal Law & Steps to Restoration"
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapter 10
3. Sande: Chapters 8 & 9

Assignments:

1. Assignment 5-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 5-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Week 5 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 6

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "Business Organizations, Employment Law: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure"
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapters 11 & 12

Assignments:

1. Assignment 6-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 6-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Week 6 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 7

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "Winning & Reconciliation"
2. Sande: Chapters 10, 11 & 12

Assignments:

1. Assignment 7-1: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
2. Week 7 Discussion - See Instructions in the course

Week 8

Media:

1. Video Lesson: "Integrating Faith & Business Practice: It's not "Just Business"
2. Lau & Johnson: Chapter 13
3. Sande: Conclusion & Appendices A-F

Assignments:

1. Assignment 8-1: Reading Quiz
2. Assignment 8-2: Short Essay (300 words) - See Instructions in the course
3. Assignment 8-3: Peacemaking Reflection Exit Paper - See Instructions in the course
4. Week 8 Discussion - See Instructions in the course