BUSI 2301
Legal & Ethical Environment of Business
ONLINE COURSE

Course Description/Overview
An overview of the basic principles of law as they apply to business, with an emphasis on the ethical environment of business. Topics include personal ethics, business ethics, legal ethics, resolution of ethical conflicts, the judicial system and court procedure, alternative dispute resolution, the constitution and business, business torts and crimes, contracts, bailments, forms of business structure, basic property law, international law and other relevant legal and ethical topics.

Prerequisite Knowledge
None

Course Technology/Prerequisites
- Internet access necessary. Course materials may be found on the University’s Blackboard system at http://blackboard.angelo.edu.
- High Speed Internet
- Computer with a MAC or Windows Operating System, Microsoft Office Word (97-2003 or 2007 or higher)
- Refer to Angelo State University's distance Education website for further technology requirements: http://www.angelo.edu/distance_education/

Technical Support
The Technology Service Center (TSC) may be contacted by calling (325) 942-2911 or 1-866-942-2911 or by email at helpdesk@angelo.edu

Class Meeting Times and Location
This class will be conducted entirely online.

Faculty/Instruction Information

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By appointment only.
Course Objectives

Learning Objectives
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to...

1. recognize the application of business practices within the context of existing social, political, and legal environments in the United States.
2. understand the importance of legal, social, and political boundaries placed on business behavior, and to begin to assess the bearing of these boundaries on individual value and normative systems.
3. explain the history and intent of political, social, and legal structures.

Assessment Methods
You will demonstrate that you have met the objectives above through a combination of exams, assignments and online discussions that will measure your learning.

Textbook, Required Readings & Online Platform

ONE OF THE TWO OPTIONS BELOW IS REQUIRED. Both options can be purchased at the ASU bookstore or directly through the publisher’s website the first time you attempt to log in through MyBLawLab on Blackboard.

OPTION 1: Access card only. This option will be the most cost effective option, but you will not have a hard copy of the text.
MyLab Business Law with Pearson eText -- Access Card -- for Business Law, 10/E
ISBN-10: 0134728939
Author: Cheeseman

OPTION 2: Hard copy of book with Access card. This option will be the more expensive option.
ISBN-10: 0134831446
Author: Cheeseman

YOU MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THE CURRENT ONLINE EDITION OF THIS TEXTBOOK AND THE PEARSON MY BLAW LAB IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE.

Grading Policies

This course employs the following to measure student learning.
- 15% = Chapter Assignments (through My BLaw Lab)
- 15% = Quizzes (through My BLaw Lab)
- 15% = Exam #1 (via Blackboard)
- 15% = Exam #2 (via Blackboard)
- 15% = Exam #3 (via Blackboard)
- 15% = Exam #4 (via Blackboard)
- 10% = Foliotek Badges Modules – This is a Career Builder Platform that will have to be purchased separately. Details To Be Determined.
Angelo State University employs a letter grade system. Grades in this course are determined on a percentage scale:

- **A** = 90 – 100 %
- **B** = 80 – 89 %
- **C** = 70 – 79 %
- **D** = 60 – 69 %
- **F** = 59 % and below.

**Missed/Late Work**

There are no makeups!!! Your exams, quizzes, and assignments must be completed online timely or you will receive a zero. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.** You must be sure that you understand the deadlines and comply with them faithfully.

**Participation**

In order to succeed in this class, you will need to be “present”. You should be checking your ASU email and the Blackboard site for this course on a very regular basis.

**Response Time**

Response to emails will normally be within 24 hours Monday through Friday.

**Course Policies**

**Academic Honesty and Integrity**

Angelo State University expects its students to maintain complete honesty and integrity in their academic pursuits. Students are responsible for understanding and complying with the university Academic Honor Code and the ASU Student Handbook.

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It is the professor’s intention to be as fair and impartial as is humanly possible. Therefore, all students will be asked to adhere to the same set of guidelines and rules UNLESS there are disabilities or documented extenuating circumstances that have been discussed with the professor and the Student Life Office. Please make sure you inform the professor as soon as any situation arises. Do NOT wait until the problem is compounded by poor class performance, poor attendance, etc.

Academic integrity is expected. This includes, but is not limited to, any form of cheating, plagiarism, unauthorized sharing of work, or unauthorized possession of course materials. The professor assumes that all students can be trusted. Please do not violate this trust. Violation of academic integrity will result in a failing grade for the course.
**Courtesy and Respect**

Courtesy and Respect are essential ingredients to this course. We respect each other's opinions and respect their point of view at all times while in our class sessions/discussions. The use of profanity & harassment of any form is strictly prohibited (Zero Tolerance), as are those remarks concerning one's ethnicity, life style, race (ethnicity), religion, etc., violations of these rules will result in immediate dismissal from the course.

**Accommodations for Disability**

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA), and subsequent legislation.

Student Affairs is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability, and it is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by emailing studentservices@angelo.edu, or by contacting:

Ms. Dallas Swafford  
Director of Student Development  
Office of Student Affairs  
University Center, Suite 112  
325-942-2047 Office  
325-942-2211 FAX  
Dallas.Swafford@angelo.edu

**Student absence for religious holidays**

As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day), a student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. A student who is absent from classes for the observance of a religious holy day shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment scheduled for that day within a reasonable time after the absence.

**Course Drop**

To view information about how to drop this course or to calculate important dates relevant to dropping this course, you can visit [http://www.angelo.edu/services/registrars_office/course_drop_provisions.php](http://www.angelo.edu/services/registrars_office/course_drop_provisions.php).

**Incomplete as a Course grade**

As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.11 Grading Procedures), the grade I is given when the student is unable to complete the course because of illness or personal misfortune. An I that is not removed before the end of the next long semester automatically becomes an F. A graduate student will be allowed one year to remove a grade of I before it automatically becomes an F. To graduate from ASU, a student must complete all I’s.

**Grade Appeal Process**

As stated in the Angelo State University Operating Policy and Procedure (OP 10.03 Student Grade Grievances), a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the
class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see Operating Procedure 10.03 at: http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14196-op-1003-grade-grievance.

College of Business Code of Ethics
Students, faculty, administrators and professional staff of the College of Business should always:

- Be forthright and truthful in dealings with all stakeholders
- Take responsibility for one’s actions and decisions
- Serve as an example of ethical decision-making and behavior to others
- Admit errors when they occur, without trying to conceal them
- Respect the basic dignity of others by treating them as one would wish to be treated
## Course Outline

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• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 1 Quiz  
Chapter 2: Courts and Jurisdiction  
• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 2 Quiz  
Chapter 3: Judicial, Alternative, and E-Dispute Resolution  
• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 3 Quiz  
Chapter 4: Constitutional Law for Business and E-Commerce  
• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 4 Quiz | 09/23/2018 |
| | **UNIT ONE EXAM (Chs 1-4) DUE 9/23/18** | |
| **UNIT 2** 9/24/18-10/14/18 | Chapter 5: Intentional Torts and Negligence  
• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 5 Quiz  
Chapter 6: Product and Strict Liability  
• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 6 Quiz  
Chapter 7: Intellectual Property and Information Technology  
• Various Assignments  
• Chapter 7 Quiz | 10/14/2018 |
| | **UNIT TWO EXAM (Chs 5-7) DUE 10/14/18** | |
| UNIT 3 | 10/15/18-11/04/18 | Chapter 8: Criminal Law and Cybercrime  
- Various Assignments  
- Chapter 8 Quiz  
Chapter 9: Nature of Traditional and E-Contracts  
- Various Assignments  
- Chapter 9 Quiz  
Chapter 42: Ethics and Social Responsibility of Business  
- Various Assignments  
- Chapter 42 Quiz  
**UNIT 3 EXAM (Chs 8, 9, 42) DUE 11/4/18** |
| **11/04/2018** |
| UNIT 4 | 11/05/18-12/14/18 | Chapter 47: Personal Property and Bailment  
- Various Assignments  
- Chapter 47 Quiz  
Chapter 48: Real Property  
- Various Assignments  
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- Various Assignments  
- Chapter 49 Quiz  
**UNIT 4 EXAM (Chs 47-49) DUE 12/14/18** |
| **12/14/2018** |

**This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor.**