BUSI 6302-DF1-12310 – Legal and Social Environment of Business

Course Description/Overview

Analysis of the role of business in contemporary society with emphasis on the legal, social, political, and regulatory factors affecting business.

Course Technology

Students must be able to utilize Blackboard functionality. The WebEx address is: angelostate.webex.com/meet/mconklin

Class Meeting Times

This class is 100% online.

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

Faculty/Instructor Information

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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 legislative structures

Assessment Methods

Various assessment methods such as quizzes, essays, and discussion posts will be utilized.
# Course Textbook and Required Readings

Business Law and the Regulation of Business 12th edition by Richard Mann and Barry Roberts ISBN 978-1-305-50955-9. You do not have to pay for any extra online content. The textbook, whether in print or digital, is all you need for this class. Note that there is a 13th edition but I use the 12th edition to save you money.

# Grading Policies

This course employs the following to measure student learning.

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<td>Discussion Posts and Essays</td>
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<td>First discussion post due Friday, response posts due Sunday, essays due Sunday</td>
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Angelo State University employs a letter grade system. Grades in this course are determined on a percentage scale:

- A = 90 – 100 %
- B = 80 – 89.99 %
- C = 70 – 79.99 %
- D = 60 – 69.99 %
- F = 59.99 % and below.

## Response Time

Students are expected to check their email every weekday. The instructor will do the same.

## Late Work

Dealing with deadlines is a large part of being successful in the business world. Late work of any kind is not accepted in this course. If I do not have possession of your assignment by the due date, then it is late. Note that this includes accidentally submitting the wrong assignment and not realizing your error until after the due date. Also, “.pages” files (which I believe is the default word processor for Mac computers) are not acceptable. The business world runs on PC.

The only exception to the late work policy would be if it was impossible to complete the assignment due to complete physical incapacity such as being in a coma. Excuses short of this, such as weather, technology issues, health of your family members, pet issues, work
issues, and housing issues do not count. **Pro Tip:** If you pretend that all of the assignments are due two days before the actual due date then if you miss the due date you still have two days to submit the work for full credit!

**Extra Credit**
There is one extra credit offering in this class. The details are listed in Blackboard. This assignment can be submitted any time before the deadline of September 27th at 11:59 pm. Absolutely, positively, no extra credit of any kind for any reason whatsoever will be offered after this date (Don’t ask!).

**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, which is in both print and web versions of the ASU Student Handbook.

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 no violate this trust. Violation of academic integrity will result in a failing grade for the course.

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.

* **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

* **Courtesy and Respect**

Courtesy and respect are essential ingredients to this course. We respect each other's opinions and respect others points of view at all times while in our class sessions. The use of profanity and harassment of any form is strictly prohibited (Zero Tolerance), as are those remarks concerning one's ethnicity, life style, religion, etc., violations of these rules will result in appropriate disciplinary actions.

* **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:

Mrs. 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 Procedures (OP 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day), a student who intends to miss class 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. For undergraduates, 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 Procedures (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, has experienced inequitable evaluation procedures, or inappropriate grading practices, 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 grade appeal 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](http://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14196-op-1003-grade-grievance).

**Coronavirus**
As a member of the Texas Tech University System, Angelo State University has adopted the mandatory Facial Covering Policy to ensure a safe and healthy classroom experience. Current research on the COVID-19 virus suggests there is a significant reduction in the potential for transmission of the virus from person to person by wearing a mask/facial covering that covers the nose and mouth areas. Therefore, in compliance with the university policy students in this class are required to wear a mask/facial covering before, during, and after class. Faculty members may also ask you to display your daily screening badge as a prerequisite to enter the classroom. You are also asked to maintain safe distancing practices to the best of your ability. For the safety of everyone, any student not appropriately wearing a mask/facial covering will be asked to leave the classroom immediately. The student will be responsible to make up any missed class content or work. Continued non-compliance with the Texas Tech University System Policy may result in disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct.

Course Outline

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| 1    | N/A      | Obergefell oral arguments essay  
Discussion posts 1 |
| 2    | 1, 2, 3, 4 | Obergefell opinion essay  
Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 quizzes  
Discussion posts 2 |
| 3    | 5, 6, 7, 8 | White-collar crime assignment  
Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8 quizzes  
Discussion posts 3 |
| 4    | 9, 10, 11, 12 | Case brief 1  
Chapters 9, 10, 11, 12 quizzes  
Discussion posts 4 |
| 5    | 13, 14, 15, 16 | Case brief 2  
Chapters 13, 14, 15, 16 quizzes  
Discussion posts 5 |
| 6    | 17, 18, 28, 37 | Contributory Negligence  
Optional extra credit due  
Chapters 17, 18, 28, 37 quizzes  
Discussion posts 6 |
| 7    | 38, 40, 41, 44 | Research Critique Essay  
Chapters 38, 40, 41, 44 quizzes  
Discussion posts 7 |