



BUL 4421 – Section 001  
CRN 13053  
BUSINESS LAW 1  
Fall 2018  
SYLLABUS  
Boca Campus, Room BU 302  
Mondays from 9:00 AM to 11:50 AM.

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\*\*\*Students are encouraged to first email any questions, comments or concerns to **one** of the Teaching Assistants. If Teaching Assistant is not able to satisfy a student's inquiry or concern, the student is thereafter encouraged to email Professor.

\*\*\*Note that email preferred, quickest and most efficient mode of communicating with Teaching Assistant and Professor.

**Office Hours**

Mondays

7:50 AM to 8:50 AM

Boca Campus - Room: FL325

**Required Text and Materials**

Kubasek, Nancy; (2017) Dynamic Business Law (4th Ed.). McGraw-Hill ISBN: 9781307132946 (softcover) or 9781260087352 (loose-leaf)

**Course Description**

A survey course focusing on the legal aspects of business decision-making, including torts, contracts and debtor/creditor law. The course provides students with an understanding of the

role of legal rules and their impact on business. Students learn to analyze issues and appreciate the philosophy behind court decisions.

**Course Prerequisites and Credit Hours and Class Time Commitments**

Prerequisite: Junior standing. Three credits.

**Course Learning Objectives**

- \* Develop knowledge of the law that applies to business including tort, contract, agency, business entities, securities, antitrust, property, debtor/creditor issues and regulations.
- \* Understand the ethical implications of business decisions and practices in a business/professional environment.
- \* Understand legal rules as they apply to business/professional decisions and practices.
- \* Demonstrate analytical critical thinking by applying legal rules to hypothetical business scenarios.
- \* Demonstrate analytical critical thinking by applying ethical principles to hypothetical business scenarios.

**Grading Scale**

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| A =   | 93 – 100    |
| A - = | 90 – 92     |
| B+ =  | 87 – 89     |
| B =   | 83 – 86     |
| B - = | 80 – 82     |
| C+ =  | 77 – 79     |
| C =   | 70 – 76     |
| D + = | 67 – 69     |
| D =   | 63 – 66     |
| D- =  | 60 – 62     |
| F =   | 59 or below |

**Course Evaluation Method -**

Students will have a closed book and closed notes proctored mid-term exam, as well as a closed book and closed notes proctored final exam. Each will constitute 35% of your grade, subject to “Additional Course Polices,” below. Students will have an Ethics Assessment and Department Assessment that will each constituted 15% of your grade. Grades will be determined by a 100-point scale. **You must take all four tests to pass this course. Any missed test will result in a**

**failing grade even if the sum value of points earned on exams taken would otherwise warrant a passing grade under grading scale.** The use of notes, books, electronics, calculators, phones and other devices are prohibited during the midterm and final exams.

### **Online Proctored Midterm and Final Exam -**

The FAU College of Business has hired an outside company, Honorlock, to proctor your online closed book and closed notes Midterm exam and online closed book and closed notes Final exam. Honorlock is an online proctoring service that allows you to take your exam from the comfort of your home. Honorlock is available 24/7 all you need is a computer, webcam, and an internet connection. You do not need to create an account or schedule a time, Honorlock is very simple! All you will need to do is log into Canvas and click on the quiz you need to take. You will be prompted to add the Honorlock Chrome Extension, which is required to take your exam. You are required to use Google Chrome as your browser. Then you will need to take a picture, show your ID, and scan your room. Honorlock will be recording you via webcam and they will be recording your screen. They also have an integrity algorithm that can detect search-engine use, so do not attempt to cheat or look up answers. Honorlock offers 24/7 customer service via phone and live-chat. When you enter your exam the live-chat will be on the bottom-right hand of your screen during the entire exam in case you need their tech support. Also, you can call their support line at (855) 828-4004. It is recommended that you test your system at [honorlock.com/support](http://honorlock.com/support) prior to your exam. We also recommend you take a practice quiz with Honorlock, prior to your real exam.

Hardware requirements for taking the online proctored final exam include:

- A well-functioning computer.
  - A stable Internet connection. A hard line is better than WiFi.
  - A webcam.
  - Your FAU Owl Card (or other government-issued photo ID).
- Please read the “Remote Proctor NOW Quick Guide” for detailed information on setting up and taking online proctored exams:

A required non-graded practice exam must be taken at least a week before the Midterm and Final to allow you to familiarize yourself with the online proctoring system.

### **Additional Course Policies**

#### **Missing Exams**

Exams are to be taken when scheduled, with no make-up exams. In the Professor’s sole discretion, the only exception may be in extreme cases when you have contacted the Professor before the exam.

Attendance Policy

This is a lecture capture. Although physical attendance is not required you are expected to watch all the lectures as scheduled and to check Canvas frequently for announcements.

Students are expected to attend all their scheduled University classes and to satisfy all academic objectives as outlined by the instructor. The effect of absences upon grades is determined by the instructor, and the University reserves the right to deal at any time with individual cases of non-attendance.

Students are responsible for arranging to make up work missed because of legitimate class absence, such as illness, family emergencies, military obligation, court-imposed legal obligations or participation in University-approved activities. Examples of University-approved reasons for absences include participating on an athletic or scholastic team, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities. It is the student’s responsibility to give the instructor notice prior to any anticipated absences and within a reasonable amount of time after an unanticipated absence, ordinarily by the next scheduled class meeting. Instructors must allow each student who is absent for a University-approved reason the opportunity to make up work missed without any reduction in the student’s final course grade as a direct result of such absence.

Appointments

Students are strongly encouraged to make an appointment to discuss any difficulties with this class and any other academic matter. Please do not wait until it is too late.

Course Outline

***TENTATIVE OUTLINE/SCHEDULE – SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY PROFESSOR - STUDENTS HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY INFORMED AND UP-TO-DATE ON ASSIGNMENTS***

**Week 1**

**Dates**

8/19 – 8/25

**Assignment – Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 1-** An Introduction to Dynamic Business Law

**Ch. 2 -** Business Ethics

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 8/20

**Week 2**

**Date**

8/26 – 9/1

**Assignment – Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 3 -** The U.S. Legal System

**Ch. 4 -** Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 8/27

**Week 3**

**Date**

9/2 – 9/8

**Assignment – Read Following Chapters**

No Class – Labor Day Week

**Week 4**

**Date**

9/9 – 9/15

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 5** - Constitutional Principles

**Ch. 7** - Crime and the Business Community

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 9/10

**Week 5**

**Date**

9/16 – 9/22

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 8** - Tort Law

**Ch. 9** - Negligence and Strict Liability

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 9/17

**Week 6**

**Date**

9/23 – 9/29

**Ch. 12** – Intellectual Property

Midterm Review (No Review for Ethics Assessment)

Midterm Exam (see below for exam access instructions)

Ethics Assessment (See below for exam access instructions)

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 9/24

1. Midterm will cover chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, & 12
2. **The Midterm will be available for access from Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> (deadline on September 29<sup>th</sup> is 6:00 PM EST).**
3. You must use online proctoring for Midterm – See Syllabus for details!
4. **Midterm is closed book and closed notes.**
5. The Ethics Assessment will cover chapter 2
6. **The Ethics Assessment must also be from Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> (deadline on September 29<sup>th</sup> is 6:00 PM EST).**
7. You can take Ethics Assessment online anywhere Via Canvas in the “Quizzes” tab (no online proctoring for Ethics Assessment).

**You must take both the Midterm and Ethics Exam within the exam period. You cannot pass course without taking both exams**

**Week 7**

**Date**

9/30– 10/6

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 13** - Introduction to Contracts

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 10/1

**Week 8**

**Date**

10/7 – 10/13

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 14** – Agreement

**Ch. 15** - Consideration

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 10/8

**Week 9**

**Date**

10/14 – 10/20

**Ch. 16** - Capacity and Legality

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 10/15

**Week 10**

**Date**

10/21 – 10/27

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 17** - Legal Assent

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 10/22

**Week 11**

**Date**

10/28 – 11/3

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 18** - Contracts in Writing

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 10/29

**Week 12**

**Date**

11/4 – 11/10

**Assignment - Read Following Chapters**

**Ch. 19** - Third-Party Rights to Contracts

**Ch. 20** - Discharge and Remedies

**Ch. 50** – Landlord Tenant Law

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 11/5

**Week 13**

**Date**

11/11 – 11/17

No Class – Veteran’s Day Week

**Week 14**

**Date**

11/18 – 11/21

**Assignment** - Read Following Chapters

**Ch. 51** – Insurance Law

**Ch. 32** – Bankruptcy and Reorganization

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 11/19

**Week 15**

**Date**

11/26 – 12/1

**Assignment**

**Final Exam Review** (No Review for Department Assessment)

- Please note that live class will be held on Monday, 11/26

**Week 16**

**Date**

12/3 – 12/9

**Assignment**

Final Exam (Please note test availability below)

Department Assessment (Please note test availability below)

Please note that is **no live class** will be held on Monday, 12/3 (Reading Day)

1. Final will cover chapters 13 – 20, 32, 50 & 51.
2. **Final will be available for access from Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> (deadline on December 8<sup>th</sup> is 6:00 PM EST).**
3. You must use online proctoring for Final – See Syllabus for details!
4. **Final is closed book and closed notes.**
5. The Department Assessment may cover any material covered in course (i.e. cumulative)

6. **The Department Assessment must also be taken from Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> (deadline on December 8<sup>th</sup> is 6:00 PM EST).**
7. You take the Department Assessment online anywhere via Canvas in the “Quizzes” tab (no proctoring for Department Assessment).

**You must take both the Final Exam and Department Assessment within the exam period. You cannot pass course without taking both exams**

### **DROP/ADD/WITHDRAWAL**

- A. This course commences on August 18, 2018.
- B. The last day to drop or add this course without consequences is August 24, 2018 @ 5 PM. After this date courses are fee liable.
- C. The last day to withdraw from this course without receiving an “F” with full fee liability is November 16, 2018.

### **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY:**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK CANVAS FREQUENTLY FOR CHANGES IN ASSIGNMENTS AND FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR READING ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE AN FAU E-MAIL ADDRESS AND TO CHECK YOUR FAU E-MAIL FOR MESSAGES FREQUENTLY.**

**YOU MUST HAVE AN FAU E-MAIL TO BE ENROLLED IN THIS CLASS.**

## **Selected University and College Policies**

### **School of Accounting Policies**

Students are responsible for School of Accounting policies available at <http://fau.edu/academic/registrar/FAUcatalog/business.php#accounting>.

*These policies are an integral part of this syllabus.*

### **Selected University and College Policies**

#### **Code of Academic Integrity Policy Statement**

Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it



interferes with the university mission to provide a high-quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the university community, which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty.

For more information, please see FAU Regulation 4.001 at: [FAU Regulation 4.001](#).

### **Disability Policy Statement**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), students who require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to properly execute coursework must register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS) and follow all SAS procedures. SAS has offices across three of FAU's campuses – Boca Raton, Davie and Jupiter – however disability services are available for students on all campuses. For more information, please visit the SAS website at <http://fau.edu/sas/>

### **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center**

Life as a university student can be challenging physically, mentally and emotionally. Students who find stress negatively affecting their ability to achieve academic or personal goals may wish to consider utilizing FAU's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) Center. CAPS provides FAU students a range of services – individual counseling, support meetings, and psychiatric services, to name a few – offered to help improve and maintain emotional well-being. For more information, go to <http://www.fau.edu/counseling/>

### **Religious Accommodation Policy Statement**

In accordance with rules of the Florida Board of Education and Florida law, students have the right to reasonable accommodations from the University in order to observe religious practices, observances, and beliefs with regard to admissions, registration, class attendance and the scheduling of examinations and work assignments.

For further information, please see FAU Regulation 2.007 at: [FAU Regulation 2.007](#).

### **University Approved Absence Policy Statement**

In accordance with rules of the Florida Atlantic University, students have the right to reasonable accommodations to participate in University approved activities, including athletic or scholastics teams, musical and theatrical performances and debate activities. It is the student's responsibility to notify the course instructor at least one week prior to missing any course assignment.

**Incomplete Grade Policy Statement**

A student who is passing a course, but has not completed all work due to exceptional circumstances, may, with consent of the instructor, temporarily receive a grade of incomplete ("I"). The assignment of the "I" grade is at the discretion of the instructor, but is allowed only if the student is passing the course.

The specific time required to make up an incomplete grade is at the discretion of the instructor. However, the College of Business policy on the resolution of incomplete grades requires that all work required to satisfy an incomplete ("I") grade must be completed within a period of time not exceeding one calendar year from the assignment of the incomplete grade. After one calendar year, the incomplete grade automatically becomes a failing ("F") grade.

**College of Business Minimum Grade Policy Statement**

The minimum grade for College of Business requirements is a "C". This includes all courses that are a part of the pre-business foundation, business core, and major program. In addition, courses that are used to satisfy the university's Writing Across the Curriculum and Gordon Rule math requirements also have a minimum grade requirement of a "C". Course syllabi give individualized information about grading as it pertains to the individual classes.

**Withdrawals**

Any student who decides to drop is responsible for completing the proper paper work required to withdraw from the course.

**Grade Appeal Process**

A student may request a review of the final course grade when s/he believes that one of the following conditions apply:

- There was a computational or recording error in the grading.
- Non-academic criteria were applied in the grading process.
- There was a gross violation of the instructor's own grading system.

The procedures for a grade appeal may be found in [Chapter 4 of the University Regulations](#).

**Disruptive Behavior Policy Statement**

Disruptive behavior is defined in the FAU Student Code of Conduct as "... activities which interfere with the educational mission within classroom." Students who behave in the classroom such that the educational experiences of other students and/or the instructor's course objectives are disrupted are subject to disciplinary action. Such behavior impedes students' ability to learn or an instructor's ability to teach. Disruptive behavior may include, but is not limited to: non-approved use of electronic devices (including cellular telephones); cursing

or shouting at others in such a way as to be disruptive; or, other violations of an instructor's expectations for classroom conduct.

**Faculty Rights and Responsibilities**

Florida Atlantic University respects the right of instructors to teach and students to learn. Maintenance of these rights requires classroom conditions which do not impede their exercise. To ensure these rights, faculty members have the prerogative:

- To establish and implement academic standards
- To establish and enforce reasonable behavior standards in each class
- To refer disciplinary action to those students whose behavior may be judged to be disruptive under the Student Code of Conduct.