

## **Business Law**

Credit – ½

Term(s) – 1 semester

*This is a dual credit class with Business Law 215 at Illinois Central College (three credit hours).*

1. Reed, O. Lee, Marisa Anne Pagnattaro, Daniel R. Cahoy, Peter J. Shedd, Jere W. Morehead Sixteenth Edition (2013) *The Legal and Regulatory Environment of Business*, McGraw-Hill Irwin

2. Prerequisites: Must be junior or senior

3. Course Description:

This course provides the student with an overview of the legal environment within which business must operate. Appropriate public and private law topics are discussed. Legislative and administrative processes are discussed as well as public and private litigation procedures. Specific topics include: constitutional law, torts, contracts, social, and ethical responsibilities, employment law, administrative procedures and rules, antitrust, products liability, consumer protection, and environmental issues.

4. Course Content:

Introduction to Law  
Dispute Resolution  
Types of Law (Common, Statutory, Administrative)  
Constitutional Law  
Tort Law  
Criminal Law  
Contract Law  
Commercial Transactions  
Agency Law

5. Course Format:

Practical application class using cases to simulate different areas of business law. Lecture, discussion, and case analysis are utilized.

6. Course Expectations: Standard class

7. Grades: Projects/Cases, written or oral exams/quizzes, daily work/participation

8. Course Objectives:

1. To understand society's mandate that business must accept and practice legal responsibilities.
2. To learn substantive law in the areas of tort, contracts, employment law, environmental law, product liability, and to apply these principles to hypothetical and actual business disputes and operations.
3. To analyze cases thereby strengthening the students' legal reasoning skills.
4. To recognize legal and ethical problems and seek appropriate legal counsel to resolve issues.