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**Ohio Articulation Number (OAN)  
Course Submission Form  
2005-2006**



College/University Miami University

Course(s) Submitted(Title & Course #) Legal Environment of Business  
BLS 342  
Ohio Articulation Number OBU004

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Credit Hours 3 qtr \_\_\_\_\_ sem X

Lecture Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory Hours \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)

Pre-Requisites(s) Course work (if applicable)

-- See catalog/course description --

Placement Score (if applicable)

(Name of test)

(Domain) (Score)

Catalog/Course Description (Includes Course Title and Course #)

MPT 342 Legal Environment of Business (3) Nature and sources of law; legal analysis and reasoning; judicial system, litigation and alternative dispute resolution; constitutional and administrative law; criminal law; law of torts and products liability; ethics; international business law; law of contracts; law of agency; employment law; and government regulation of business.  
Prerequisite: 58 earned hours.

### Texts/Outside Readings/Ancillary Materials

#### Text Info

Title: Contemporary Business Law in a Global Economy

Author(s): Kubasek et al.

Date of Publication: 2002

Publisher: Lakeshore Press

Outside Readings (if any)

#### Course Objectives and/or Plan of Work

The Legal Environment of Business focuses on sensitizing students to the legal environment - its origins, evolution, and effects - on the operation of business. The course utilizes lecture, readings, and classroom discussion so that students become comfortable and familiar with legal/business terminology, problem-solving methodology, and critical thinking within the context of legal/business situations.

In order to accomplish these objectives, the course is divided into three substantive components:

1. Legal theory, history, institutions, and operations;
2. The Dynamics of Business: Contract Law and Agency Law
3. Business Decision-Making, Ethics, and the Regulatory Environment

Contact Hours: 15 weeks at 3 hours (50 minute hours) per week

- I. Legal theory, history, institutions and operations
  - A. Legal Institutions (U.S. Court System; steps in a lawsuit; legal procedure), Legal Philosophy (sources of law); role of ethics in law and business – 2-4 weeks
  - B. Causes of action: tort law (incl product liability), criminal law, real property, personal property, intellectual property – 2-4 weeks
- II. Agency and Contract Law – 3-5 weeks
- III. Regulatory Environment
  - A. Administrative law – 1/2 week
  - B. Antitrust and anti-competitive behavior – 1/2 week
  - C. Consumer Behavior and advertising issues – 1 week
  - D. Employment relations – 1 week
  - E. Environmental Protection – 1/2 week
  - F. International business – 1 week

#### Description of Assessment and/or Evaluation of Student Learning

Testing: as per instructor but suggested two exams during the term and one final examination

Current, Representative Syllabus

March 2006

MIAMI UNIVERSITY TEMPLATE SYLLABUS FOR LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS  
Department of Finance, Business Legal Studies Area

Current Textbook: Contemporary Business Law in a Global Economy Kubasek *et al.* (2002: Lakeshore Press)

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of BLS 342/291 (*proposal is pending to move course to sophomore level with number change from 342 to 291*), the "Legal Environment of Business," is to expose the student to the background or environment in which business in America and to some degree the world operates. The "law" and the socio-economic-politically influenced environment in which it creates are all too pervasive and omnipresent; business in America simply cannot operate without acknowledging and understanding the influences and effects of the legal environment.

BLS 342 is also the first course of the "Law and Commerce" thematic sequence; it is a required course for school of business majors and it is a required course for the "Business Legal Studies" minor.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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TOTAL semester time allotted: 11 ½ -18 weeks min/max with professor needing to find 15 hours plus examination time)

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Sample Daily Schedule with corresponding chapters from current text:

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

TENTATIVE DATE	TOPIC	ASSIGNED TEXT CHAPTER/OTHER READINGS
January 11	introduction to course	Specluncheon Explorers writing assignment (on reserve at King Library)
	<b>I. LEGAL THEORY, HISTORY, AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
January 13  January 18	legal theory	chapter 1 of text; three reserved readings at King Library (under Herron/FIN 342): Specluncheon Explorers (make yourself a copy of this one); historical readings; functions of law
January 20 January 25	legal history	
January 27	Anglo-American law; the court system; litigation system	chapters 3 and 4
February 1	lawsuits/causes of action:	chapters 10 and 11
February 3 February 8 February 10 February 15 February 17 February 22 – EXCHANGE DAY	torts; crimes; property	chapters 7 and 9 chapter 6 chapters 47 and 48
<b>Thursday February 24</b>	<b>First Exam</b>	

March 1 March 3 March 8 March 10 – No Class March 22 March 24 March 29 March 31	<b>II. THE DYNAMICS OF BUSINESS: CONTRACT LAW AND AGENCY LAW</b>	chapters 12-19, 32 and 33
<b>TUESDAY MARCH 29 7PM</b>	<b>EXAM OVER CONTRACT/AGENCY LAW</b>	
Thursday March 31	Review Second Exam	
	<b>III. BUSINESS DECISION-MAKING AND THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT</b>	
April 5, 12, 14, 19	business ethics and social responsibility theories; administrative law; consumer protection	chapter 2  chapters 43 and 46
April 21, 26, 28	employment relations; environmental protection; international	chapters 44, 41, and 42
Finals Week	<b>FINAL EXAM from material from Contract law on.</b>	

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