



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer School**

BUS 230 Business Law

Term: May 24 – June 24, 2021

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Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)

Office Hours: TBD

Discussion Session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)

Credit: 4 units

Course Description:

In today's rapidly-evolving and globalized business world, in which commerce crosses so many national and international boundaries, an understanding of the numerous applicable legal issues is crucial. This course provides an introduction to international business law from a practical and realistic, very modern perspective. We will cover the essentials of contract law, equal employment opportunity, and the key examples of Business Organizations, including corporations, general partnerships, limited partnerships, and sole proprietorships.

Course Goals:

This course will provide a sound foundation for understanding and appreciation of all aspects of Business Law at a college level. The goal of this course is to furnish students with the basic foundation, information, and analytical tools necessary to grasp the fundamental concepts central to the study of Business Law, including the legal considerations important to contemporary businesses and business transactions.

Required Text:

There is one required textbook for the course, which may be supplemented from time to time with additional materials from Professor Lu. The textbook is:

Business Law, 8th Edition or later, by **Cheeseman** (published in 2013 by Prentice Hall/Pearson).

ISBN-10: 0132890410

ISBN-13: 9780132890410

Attendance:

The attendance of every student at all class sessions is mandatory. There will be limited exceptions based on formal written permission of the professor.

Grading Policy:

Grades will be determined as follows: **25 percent for the midterm exam**, which will be held on Thursday of the third week; and **50 percent for the final exam**, which will be held on Friday of the final week. Professor Lu also reserves **25 percent** of the total grade for purposes of incorporating **classroom attendance** and **quality of participation** into the determination of each student's grade in the course. Our classroom sessions are designed to be **highly interactive**, with a large component of direct participation and active discussion from every student.

Grading Scale:

Grades will be in conformity with the standard scale used in all UIBE courses. Professor Lu has discretion to make adjustments as needed.

A	90-100	C+	72-74
A-	85-89	C	68-71
B+	82-84	C-	64-67
B	78-81	D	60-63
B-	75-77	F	below 60

Class Rules:

Students are expected to do **all** the readings for the week in their entirety before class meets on each Wednesday. In addition to reading the assigned material, you are required to think about the material and analyze it in comparison to other subjects under consideration. This will greatly enhance the value and quality of our classroom sessions. Use of cell phones, social networks, and any other electronic communication, games, or internet devices in class for anything other than official classroom purposes is strictly prohibited.

POSSIBLE ONLINE COURSES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to the on-going pandemic, there is a possibility that in-person courses change to online ones. UIBE ISS will notify the students once the decision has been made. If the in-person courses are to be changed to online courses, we will make a few adjustments:

1. Lecture: Each lecture will be uploaded on UIBE's online learning platform on daily basis. Students are required to watch them according to the course schedule.
2. Discussion: There will be an open session on ZOOM every Tuesday. The attendance of the discussion is important as it is part of your final score.

3. Office hours: I will release the office hours once the course starts. You are very welcome to send me emails to book my time. We will have video or audio calls through ZOOM. Please be noted that book them at least 3 days in advance.

Course Schedule:

NOTE: Our actual pace may be faster or slower than indicated on this schedule. We will spend more time on some chapters and subjects than on others. KEEP UP WITH OUR CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS AND READ AHEAD ACCORDINGLY. IT IS BETTER TO READ AHEAD AND BE READY THAN TO FALL BEHIND AND BE UNPREPARED FOR OUR CLASSROOM DISCUSSIONS!

Time	Topics & Chapters
Week One	<p>Chapter 1: Contemporary business environment, Importance of legal system to business</p> <p>Chapter 2: Courts and Jurisdiction, The nature of judicial process</p> <p>Chapter 3: Judicial, Alternative, and E-Dispute Resolution, Mediation, arbitration, and ADR Advantages of informal resolution</p> <p>Chapter 4: Constitutional law for business and E-commerce</p> <p>Chapter 7: Intellectual Property and Cyber Piracy</p>
Week Two	<p>Chapter 9: Nature of Traditional and E-Contracts Sources of Contract Law Common Law v. UCC</p> <p>Chapter 10: Agreement; Offer and Acceptance The Legal Effect of an Offer The Legal Effect of an Acceptance The "Battle of the Forms"</p> <p>Chapter 11: Consideration and Promissory Estoppel Inadequacy of Consideration Illusory Promises Gratuitous Promises</p> <p>Chapter 12: Capacity and Legality Minors Mentally Incompetent Persons Intoxicated Persons Contracts Contrary to Statutes Usury Laws Contracts to Commit Crimes Gambling Statutes Effect of Illegality</p>
Mid-Term Examination	

<p style="text-align: center;">Week Three</p>	<p>Chapter 13: Genuineness of Assent and Undue Influence Mistake: Unilateral Mistake v. Mutual Mistake Fraud Duress Equitable Doctrine: Undue Influence</p> <p>Chapter 14: Statute of Frauds and Equitable Exceptions Writing Requirement Contracts Involving Interests in Real Property Promises Made in Consideration of Marriage UCC Statutes of Fraud</p> <p>Chapter 15: Third-Party Rights and Discharge Assignment of a Right Form of Assignment Personal Service Contract Effect of an Assignment of a Right</p> <p>Chapter 16: Remedies for Breach of Traditional and E-Contracts Complete Performance Substantial Performance Inferior Performance Anticipatory Breach Monetary Damages Compensatory Damages Consequential Damages Nominal Damages Mitigation of Damages</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week Four</p>	<p>Chapter 35: Limited Partnerships and Special Partnerships Chapter 36: Corporate Formation and Financing Chapter 37: Corporate Governance Chapter 38: Corporate Acquisitions and Multinational Corporations Chapter 39: Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships Chapter 42: Ethics and Social Responsibility of Business</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Week Five</p>	<p>Chapter 33: Equal Opportunity in Employment; Discrimination in the workplace; Sexual Harassment Law; Whistleblower Protection Chapter 54: International and World Trade Law part 1: International Sale; General Introduction to CISG The application of CISG</p>



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	<p>part 2: Formation of CISG Contract; Interpretation of CISG Contract</p> <p>part 3: Rights and Obligations of Parties under CISG; Remedies for Breach under CISG; Excuses for Non-performance under CISG</p>
Final Examination	