



Nanchang University BLAW 21: Business Law

Credit: 4

Contact Hours

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours)at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the U.S. legal system. Topics covered include: contracts, e-commerce, corporations, partnerships, international and world trade law, intellectual property, cyber piracy and the Uniform Commercial Code. And international business law will also be analyzed realistically. After learning these business-oriented legal points in this course, you will:

1. broaden your general understanding of the U. S. legal system.
2. describe the sources of law in the United States.
3. learn the legal considerations that are important to Contemporary businesses and business transactions.
4. describe a nation’s court jurisdiction over international disputes.

Required Textbook

Business Law by Cheeseman, 8th Edition, Prentice Hall, 2013.

Grading

- Participation 10%
- Quizzes 20%
- Group Discussions 20%
- Midterm 20%
- Final Exam 30%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77



C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to Legal Environment of Business and E-commerce (Ch. 1)

Class 2:

Legal Heritage and the Digital Age (Ch. 1)

Courts and Jurisdiction (Ch. 2)

Class 3:

Judicial,Alternative,and E-Dispute Resolution (Ch. 3)

Constitutional Law for Business and E-Commerce (Ch. 4)

Quiz No. 1

Class 4:

Intentional Torts and Negligence (Ch. 5)

Product and Strict Liability (Ch. 6)

Class 5:

Intellectual Property and Cyber Piracy (Ch. 7)

Criminal Law and Cyber Crimes (Ch. 8)

Class 6:

Nature of Traditional and E-Contracts (Ch. 9)

Agreement (Ch. 10)

Class 7:

Consideration and Promissory Estoppel (Ch. 11)

Capacity and Legality (Ch. 12)

Quiz No. 2

Class 8:

Genuineness of Assent and Undue Influence (Ch. 13)

Statute of Frauds and Equitable Exceptions (Ch. 14)



Class 9:

Third-Party Rights and Discharge (Ch. 15)

Remedies for Breach of Traditional and E-Contracts (Ch. 16)

Class 10:

E-Commerce and Digital Law (Ch. 17)

Midterm review

Class 11:

Midterm

Class 12:

Agency Formation and Termination (Ch. 29)

Employment, Worker Protection, and Immigration Law (Ch. 31)

Group Discussion No. 1

Class 13:

Labor Law and Collective Bargaining (Ch. 32)

Equal Opportunity in Employment (Ch. 33)

Quiz No. 3

Class 14:

Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and General Partnerships (Ch. 34)

Limited Partnerships and Special Partnerships (Ch. 35)

Class 15:

Corporate Formation and Financing (Ch. 36)

Corporate Governance and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Ch. 37)

Class 16:

Corporate Acquisitions and Multinational Corporations (Ch. 38)

Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Ch. 39)

Class 17:

Franchises and Special Forms of Business (Ch. 40)

Investor Protection, E-Securities, and Wall Street Reform (Ch. 41)

Class 18:

Ethics and Social Responsibility of Business (Ch. 42)

Administrative Law and Regulatory Agencies (Ch. 43)

Class 19:

Consumer Protection and Product Safety (Ch. 44)

Environmental Protection (Ch. 45)



Class 20:

Antitrust Law and Unfair Trade Practices (Ch. 46)

Class 21:

Liability of Principals, Agents, and Independent Contractors (Ch. 30)

Quiz No. 4

Class 22:

International and World Trade Law (Ch. 54)

Class 23:

International and World Trade Law (Ch. 54) (Cont.)

Group Discussion No. 2

Class 24:

Review for Final Exam

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

Policy on "Late Withdrawals"

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved **ONLY** in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have



about the previous class or the day's reading;

- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

Special Needs or Assistance

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.