

Business and International Law

BLAW 3700-03, Winter 2020

TTH 3:45 PM – 5:50 PM

Pigott 204

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This course explores several US and international legal topics that affect business. It includes traditional legal issues, such as nature and development of law, structure and functions of the courts, civil and criminal procedure, and contracts. Students will develop their critical thinking skills while examining business opportunity and strategy within the current global business and legal environment. Topics covered will include the US court system, constitutional law, torts, contracts, consumer law, intellectual property law, corporate formation and international law.

Course Materials and Reading

Business Law: Text and Cases, Clarkson, Miller, Cross, 14th Edition.

Additional required readings will be available on Canvas.

Contact and Office Hours

Please feel free to email me regarding questions at pdesh@seattleu.edu. Also, I have office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Pigott 516, but please email me ahead of time to schedule an appointment.

Classroom Attendance

Class attendance is required and important; the participation component of your grade is based upon attendance, preparedness, and thoughtful class participation. Out of respect to the professor and your classmates, please do not come to class late. If you are late repeatedly, it will negatively impact your participation grade. If you must leave class early, please advise instructor in advance if possible.

Electronic and Study Aids

Computers and tablets are welcome and encouraged to facilitate group activities. However, computers, phones, and other personal devices may only be used for group activities and related coursework, and they must be silenced during class time. Printed foreign language dictionaries may be used at any time, including during exams.

Academic Integrity

As a Seattle U student, you are expected to abide by the University's Academic Integrity Policy:

<https://www.seattleu.edu/registrar/academics/performance/>

Notice on Disabilities

If you have, or think you may have, a disability (including an 'invisible disability' such as a learning disability, a chronic health problem, or a mental health condition) that interferes with your performance as a student in this class, you are encouraged to arrange support services and/or accommodations through Disabilities Services staff located in Loyola 100, (206) 296-5740. Disability-based adjustments to course expectations can be arranged only through this process.

Notice on Religious Accommodations

It is the policy of Seattle University to reasonably accommodate students who, due to the observance of religious holidays, expect to be absent or endure a significant hardship during certain days of their academic course or program. Please see, Policy on Religious Accommodations for Students:

<https://www.seattleu.edu/media/policies/Policy-on-Religious-Accommodations-for-Students--- FINAL.pdf>.

Office of Institutional Equity

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) prohibits discrimination based on sex in educational programs or activities that receive Federal financial assistance. This prohibition includes sexual misconduct, which encompasses sexual harassment and sexual violence. Seattle U remains committed to providing a safe and equitable learning, living, and working environment. Seattle U offers emergency, medical, and other support resources, as well as assistance with safety and support measures, to community members who have experienced or been impacted by sexual misconduct. Seattle U requires all faculty and staff to notify the University's Title IX Coordinator if they become aware of any incident of sexual misconduct experienced by a student. For more information, please visit <https://www.seattleu.edu/equity/>. If you have any questions or concerns, you may also directly contact the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Institutional Equity (email: oi@seattleu.edu; phone: 206.296.2824) University Resources and Policies.

Grading

Assignments	% of grade
Participation, Quizzes	30%
Mid term	35%
Final Exam	35%

Grade Scale

A to A- = 100% to 90%
B+ to B- = 89% to 80%
C+ to C- = 79% to 70%
D+ to D- = 69% to 60%
F = Below 60%

Class participation

The grade for participation will be based on your in-class contribution and general course involvement. Participation should be "thoughtful"; students should be well prepared, having read the assigned chapters before class and any other materials, to actively engage in discussions with your classmates in class. Students should also demonstrate a desire to understand the contributions and ideas of their fellow classmates.

Quizzes

Students will access and complete chapter quizzes on Canvas. Students should use this assignment to test their understanding of the materials covered in class and in the readings.

Exams

There is a mid-term and a final exam. Both exams are **closed book, no computer**, with **no notes** allowed. Make up exams will not be given except in cases of illness substantiated by documentation.

Academic resources:

Please take advantage of the academic support services available to you at the university. Even if you have had excellent study skills, these services can help you excel in your studies. **Library and Learning Commons:**

<http://www.seattleu.edu/learningcommons/>

Students are expected to be prepared to participate in class discussions and group activities by reading the assigned chapters and any additional materials found on Canvas **before class**.

		<i>Required Reading</i>
Jan 6 Jan 9	Introduction to Law, and Legal Reasoning Courts and Alternative Dispute Resolution	Chapter 1 Chapter 2
Jan 14 Jan 16	Business and the Constitution Tort Law	Chapter 4 Chapter 6
Jan 21 Jan 23	Strict Liability and Product Liability Intellectual Property Rights	Chapter 7 Chapter 8
Feb 4 Feb 6	Internet Law, Social Media and Privacy Criminal Law and Cyber Crime	Chapter 9 Chapter 10
Feb 11 Feb 13	Midterm Examination: Feb 11 – class time Contracts: Nature & Terminology	- Chapter 11
Feb 18 Feb 20	Agreement in Traditional and E-Contracts Mistakes, Fraud & Voluntary consent	Chapter 12 Chapter 15
Feb 25 Feb 27	The Writing Requirement in Our Digital World Breach of Contract & Remedies	Chapter 16 Chapter 18
Mar 3 Mar 5	International and Space Law Employment, Immigration and Labor Law	Chapter 24 Chapter 34
Mar 10 Mar 12	Corporate Formation and Financing Consumer Law	Chapter 39 Chapter 44
Finals week: Mar 19	Final Examination: Mar 19, 4:00 – 5:50	