SYLLABUS--FINANCE 270
LEGAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
SPRING SEMESTER, 2015

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TEXT: LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
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CLASSROOM LOCATION AND CLASS TIMES: Lindegren Hall 133, 9:35-10:50 a.m. T/Th.

OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS: My office is # 134 Rehn Hall, College of Business Building, and my Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday 12:15 to 1:00 and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 AM till 12:00 Noon or, if you need to meet with me at some other time, call me or see me in class to set up an appointment.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: An examination of the legal, social, and political forces that influence business and business men and women. Particular attention will be paid to the role of law as an agency of social control in the modern business society. PREREQUISITE: sophomore standing business major or consent of department.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: THE STUDENT WILL BE ABLE TO:
1. Identify and understand the fundamental aspects of our legal system, including the U.S. Constitution, Federal and state statutes, common law, civil and criminal procedure, and arbitration and mediation.
2. Identify fundamental legal procedures and administrative practices commonly encountered by American business and industry.
3. Define and understand business legal terms and procedures as they apply to American business and industry.
4. Describe various business crimes, torts, property rights, business organizations, contract rights and obligations, employment laws and administrative rules and regulations that are common to American business and industry.
5. Differentiate between private and public agency enforcement of legal rights.

TESTS AND GRADING: There will be four (4) non-cumulative Exams over the handouts, text materials, lectures, and class discussions. All Exams will be made up of True-False, Multiple Choice, Matching, and possible short answer questions. All exams are Scan-tron graded. Each Exam will be worth 100 Points. Total available points: 400.

During the semester there will be eight (8) "POP" Quizzes over the reading material assigned for class that day. Each quiz will be worth ten (10) points and your lowest quiz Score will be dropped. No make up quizzes allowed. Quizzes can be given at the beginning or the end of class. Total available points: 70.

ATTENDANCE. Good attendance is essential to the learning experience. Most students who routinely miss class do poorly on the exams and receive lower grades than other students. Daily class attendance will be taken.
GRADING WILL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS:
A--90% or more of the available points;   B--80% TO 89% of the available points;
C--70% TO 79% of the available points;   D--60% TO 69% of the available points
F--59% and fewer of the available points

MISSING EXAMS: Rescheduling of exams will only be allowed for acceptable excused absences
when absolutely necessary and only one common make-up exam time will be offered for each exam.
Acceptable excused absences include, but at the instructor’s discretion, are not limited to: illness of
student serious enough to require a doctor’s visit, serious illness or death of an immediate family
member. All excused absences must be substantiated by written documentation. If you missed an
exam for an excused absence you will be required to take a COMPREHENSIVE make up exam on
May 7th or 8th.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: The University's policies regarding cheating and plagiarism by
students will be strictly followed by the Instructor. Students who are caught cheating will have their
quiz or exam taken from them and they will receive a grade of "F" on that quiz or exam and they risk
receiving a grade of "F" in the class.

CLASS WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES: (go online for the SIU-C Spring, 2015 Schedule of
Classes)

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES: SIU-C is committed to providing a safe and healthy
environment for work and study. Because some health and safety concerns are beyond our control,
we ask that you become familiar with the SIU-C Emergency Response Plan and Building Emergency
Response Team (BERT) program. Emergency Response information is available on posters in
buildings on campus, on the BERT’s website at www.bert.siu.edu, the Department of Public Safety’s
website www.dps.siu.edu (disaster drop down) and the Emergency Response Guidelines pamphlet.
Know how to respond to each type of disaster. Instructors will provide guidance and directions to
students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting your location. It is important that
you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during an evacuation or sheltering
emergency. The Building Emergency Response Team will provide assistance to your instructor in
evacuating the building or sheltering within the facility.

TENTATIVE EXAM SCHEDULE: (Dates are subject to change with notice.)

FIRST EXAM – February 17th
SECOND EXAM -- March 24th
THIRD EXAM – April 16th
FOURTH EXAM – During Finals Week—May 11th – 15th

TENTATIVE DAY-BY-DAY CLASS SCHEDULE: The required reading will also include
selected Questions at the end of each chapter as they will be subject to review and discussion
during class. The selected questions will be identified before commencement of the review of
the assigned Chapter.
TENTATIVE DAY-BY-DAY CLASS SCHEDULE
1/20--Introduction & Ch. 1
1/22--Ch. 1 (pgs 13-20 only)
1/27--Ch. 3
1/29--Ch. 3
2/3--Ch. 4
2/5--Ch. 4
2/10--Ch. 5
2/12--Ch. 5
2/17--FIRST EXAM
2/19--Ch. 6
2/24--Ch. 6
3/3--Ch. 7
3/5--Ch. 7
3/10 SPRING BREAK
3/12—SPRING BREAK
3/17—Ch. 8
3/19—Ch. 8
3/24—SECOND EXAM
3/26--Ch. 9
3/28--Ch. 9
4/2--Ch. 10
4/4--Ch. 10
4/9--Ch. 14
4/11—CH. 14
4/16--THIRD EXAM
4/18--Ch. 20 (Pages 645 – 674)
4/23--Ch. 20
4/25--Ch. 21
5/1—Ch 21
FOURTH EXAM--During Finals Week—May 11 -15, 2015.