SYLLABUS--FINANCE 270
LEGAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
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TEXT: LEGAL AND REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS
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CLASSROOM LOCATION AND CLASS TIMES: Lindegren Hall 0133, 9:35-10:50 a.m. T/Th.

OFFICE LOCATION AND HOURS: My office is # 234A Rehn Hall, School of Accountancy, College of Business Building, and my Office Hours will be Mondays and Wednesdays 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 am till 12:00 pm (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 or given as a take home assignment. 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

GENERAL: Students will be responsible to read each chapter in advance and be prepared
to discuss the contents during class periods. I do not intend to reiterate the entire chapter contents by
lecture. Classes will include question-answer, examples and case discussions. You will be
responsible for text, materials, lecture subjects and assigned topics.

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
during the week before finals week on Friday, May 6, 2016 at a time designated by the instructor.

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, 2016 Schedule of
Classes)

EMERGENCY PROCEEDURES: 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 & CLASS SCHEDULE:  (Dates subject to change with notice.)

FIRST EXAM over chapters 1, 3, 4 & 5—02/16/2016
SECOND EXAM over chapters 6, 7, & 8—03/10/2016
THIRD EXAM over chapters 9, 10, & 14—04/12/2016
FOURTH EXAM over chapters 20, 21 and any additional chapter assigned – During Finals Week-
TENTATIVE DAY-BY-DAY CLASS SCHEDULE
1/19—Introduction & Ch. 1 Law as a Foundation for Business
1/21--- Ch. 1 (Pages 13-20 only) Law as a Foundation for Business
1/26--Ch. 3 The Court System
1/28--Ch. 3 The Court System
2/2-- Ch. 4 Litigation
2/4---Ch. 4 Litigation
2/9---Ch. 5 Alternative Dispute Resolution
2/11---Ch. 5 Alternative Dispute Resolution
2/16-FIRST EXAM
2/18--Ch. 6 The Constitution
2/23--Ch. 6 The Constitution
2/25--Ch. 7 The Property System
3/1--Ch. 7 The Property System
3/3--Ch. 8 Contract Formation
3/8— Ch. 8 Contract Formation
3/10——SECOND EXAM
3/15—Spring Break
3/17---Spring Break
3/22—Ch. 9 Contractual Performance and Agency
3/24-Ch. 9 Contractual Performance and Agency
3/29- Ch. 10 Torts Affecting Business
3/31-Ch. 10 Torts Affecting Business
4/5—Ch. 14 Corporate Governance and Business Organizations
4/7--Ch. 14 Corporate Governance and Business Organizations
4/12- THIRD EXAM
4/14— Ch. 20 (Pages 645-674) Discrimination in Employment
4/19-- Ch. 20 Discrimination in Employment
4/21—Ch. 21 Employment Laws
4/26--Ch. 21 Employment Laws
4/28— Ch. TBA
5/3— Ch. TBA
5/5—Ch. TBA
FOURTH EXAM – During Finals Week – May 9 – May 13