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School of Business

# 1. UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, lifelong learning, and service to God and humankind.

# 2. COURSE NUMBER & NAME:

BUAD 5315 Legal Environment

# **3. TERM**:

Fall 2019

# **4. INSTRUCTOR**:

Dr. George Ackerman

# **5. CONTACT INFORMATION**:

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# **6. OFFICE HOURS, BUILDING & LOCATION**:

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 11am to 3 pm Eastern

# **7. COURSE MEETING TIME & LOCATION**:

Online

# **8. CATALOG DESCRIPTION**:

Case studies of the laws in the traditional topics of constitutional law, criminal law, property law, procedural law, international law, torts, contracts, commercial transactions, business organizations, employer and labor relations, employment law, globalization implications, and government regulations.

# **9. PREREQUISITE:**

None

# **10. REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND RESOURCE MATERIAL**:

| **BOOK** | **AUTHOR** | **ED** | **YEAR** | **PUBLISHER** | **ISBN#** | **UPDATED** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Business Law | Morgan | 5th | 2015 | BVT Publishing  \*\*Bundle\*\* | 9781-62751-3463 | 1/24/17 |

# 11. OPTIONAL MATERIALS

See within the class for supplemental items. We will use alternative PowerPoints, summaries and items throughout the term.

Wayland Baptist University has partnered with RedShelf to bring Inclusive Access, which is a digital copy of the required textbook available on Blackboard day one of class.  The prices are very competitive with the market and in most cases below the standard cost.  The price of the textbook will be billed to your student account.  To check the price of the textbook please locate your required course material at the [Wayland](http://www.bookstore.wbu.edu) Bookstore.  Once you access the textbook it will ask you if you would like to opt-out.  If you choose NOT to use this version you MUST opt-out or you will be charged and refunds are not available.

# **12. COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES**:

* Develop a basic understanding and interest in not only the legal process but also the structure of our current legal system. At the conclusion of this course, students will be able to describe the different levels and types of courts, both state and federal, located in Hawaii, California, and Washington D.C.;
* Develop an appreciation for the fundamentals of legal research, learn methods of legal reasoning and analysis, then apply these skills to in-class case law readings;
* Become familiar with the fundamental terminology and concepts of Constitutional law, contracts, sales, torts, agency, wills, trusts, property, administrative law, the basic business organizations, intellectual property, and cyber-law;
* Know the process for establishing a business organization and actually go through the formalities of setting up a specific type of business to accommodate e-commerce activities;
* Develop/craft a persuasive argument, pro or con, regarding the governments (state or federal) regulation of private business.

# 13. ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:

As stated in the Wayland Catalog, students enrolled at one of the University’s external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the campus executive director. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the University’s attendance policy.

# **14. STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM & ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**:

Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

# **15. DISABILITY STATEMENT**:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

# **16. COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING CRITERIA**:

## Important Term Assignments:

### TERM PAPER:

You may select a topic or chapter from our textbook. You are to write an 8 page term. All APA requirements are required. A sample APA paper will be provided.  **Make sure to apply a variety of outside references (rather than just the textbook). Please do not email me papers. They will not count unless through the drop box. Plan ahead and try tech support if needed. Once the deadline passes I will be unable to respond to late papers.**

### MID TERM EXAM:

The exam will consist of essay form questions. This will cover chapters 1 to 6. . Please select 1 topic from each chapter OR you can summarize the full chapter (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 AND 6). Then summarize each in depth. All work must be new and original and cannot have been used earlier in the term. 1 page per question. 6 pages total Answers will be required to be in APA format and in depth. This will be an open book exam and you will have a week to complete.  Please work alone. Please do not email me exams. They will not count unless through the drop box. Plan ahead and try tech support if needed. Once the deadline passes I will be unable to respond to late exams.

### FINAL EXAM:

The exam will consist of essay form questions. This will cover chapters 7 to 12. Please select 1 topic from each chapter OR you can summarize the full chapter (7,8, 9, 10, 11 and 12). Then summarize each in depth. All work must be new and original and cannot have been used earlier in the term. 1 page per question. 6 pages total. Answers will be required to be in APA format and in depth. This will be an open book exam and you will have a week to complete.  Please work alone. Please do not email me exams. They will not count unless through the drop box. Plan ahead and try tech support if needed. Once the deadline passes I will be unable to respond to late exams.

### WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS:

Each week we will have weekly discussions. APA citing is required. Please post 2 posts per week. 1 post is your initial post (response) plus one post to a fellow classmate. It is vital to follow the samples, go in depth and cite or points are lost. Do not post 1 sentence. Please do not post outside questions on the DBs either. Feel free to use email for questions.

All initial posts are due by Thursday, 11:59 PM of a given week. All responses are due by Saturday 11:59 PM of a given week.

## Methods for Determining Final Grade

The course is based on a total of 100 points/percentage points. The components are weighted as follows:

### REQUIRED:

| **Course Component** | **Percentage** |
| --- | --- |
| Midterm Exam | 25 % |
| All Discussion Forums  (2 pts per week, final week 3 pts) 25 total pts | 25 % |
| Term Paper | 25 % |
| Final Exam | 25 % |
| **Total** | **100 %** |

To determine the final grades, points will be averaged within categories, weighted and multiplied by the above percentages, and then added.

## Evaluation of Student Learning

At the completion of this course, you will receive a letter grade reflecting your performance in this course. Letter grades (Depending on the school scale) will be computed for each of the above items based on the number of points earned. Be aware that your final point total will recalibrated to fit the 100 point scale shown below. Your point total is then converted to a letter grade according to the following scale:

| **Letter Grade Equivalent** | **Total Points Earned:** |
| --- | --- |
| A | 100-94 |
| A- | 93-90 |
| B+ | 89-87 |
| B | 86-84 |
| B- | 83-80 |
| C+ | 79-77 |
| C | 76-74 |
| C- | 73-70 |
| D+ | 69-67 |
| D | 66-64 |
| D- | 63-60 |
| F | Below 59 |

Note if applicable: I do NOT Curve students upward. If you have an 89.9% that is a B+/B depending on the syllabus, not an A or A-. A 79.9 is a C/C+ not a B-/B Any requests to curve up would be denied. Feel free to review requirements week 1, cite and go in depth.

# 17.1 Grade Appeal Statement:

“Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.”

# 18. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

**COURSE CALENDAR**

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| **8/19-11/2** | **Readings & Assignments** |
| Week 1  **8/19-8/25** | Read Chapter 1  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format (Graded)  Also post your biography in the DB Area (Not graded) |
| Week 2  **8/26-9/1** | Read Chapter 2  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 3  **9/2-9/8** | Read Chapter 3  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 4  **9/9-9/15** | Read Chapter 4  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 5  **9/16-9/22** | Read Chapter 5  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 6  **9/23-9/29**  **MIDTERM EXAM DUE  9/29** | Read Chapter 6  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format  **MID TERM EXAM DUE 9/29** |
| Week 7  **9/30-10/6** | Read Chapter 7  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 8  **10/7-10/13**  **TERM PAPER DUE** | Read Chapter 8  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format  **TERM PAPER DUE 10/13** |
| Week 9  **10/14-10/20** | Read Chapter 9  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 10  **10/21-10/27** | Read Chapter 10   Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format |
| Week 11  **10/28-11/2 (ends Saturday) FINAL EXAM DUE 11/2** | Read Chapter 11 And Chapt 12 (2 discussions-4 total posts- 2 per discussion forum)  Discussion board, 2 posts in depth, APA Format  **FINAL EXAM DUE 11/2** |
|  | **Class ends 11/2, Final grades posted by 11/2, I am unable to respond or accept late work after 11/2. No exceptions** |
|  | **Reminder: Once the term ends I do not check back to the course and cannot accept anything under any circumstances once the final date passes of this course as stated on the syllabus. No exceptions.** |