

WBUonline

School of Business BUAD 5315 Syllabus (revised)

# UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT

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

# COURSE NUMBER & NAME

BUAD 5315 – VC01, Legal Environment

# TERM

Fall - 2 2020 (October 19 – December 19)

# INSTRUCTOR

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# CONTACT INFORMATION

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# OFFICE HOURS, BUILDING & LOCATION

WBUOnline Mon. – Sat. 8 am – 6 pm

# COURSE MEETING TIME & LOCATION

Online via Blackboard

# 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.

# PREREQUISITE

None

# REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND RESOURCE MATERIAL

*Business Law*by Morgan, James, E. (6th ed. 2020), BVT Publishing, ISBN 9781 51780 4022. **Please note that your textbook is an eTextbook and the cost is included at registration. If you want to buy a hard copy that is fine but you must OPT-OUT of the eTextbook in the classroom link prior to June 9 or be charged**.

# OPTIONAL MATERIALS

*Concise Guide to APA Style*: Seventh Edition (newest, 2020 copyright) by American Psychological Association Spiral-bound ISBN-13: 978-1433832734ISBN-10: 1433832739

# COURSE OUTCOMES AND COMPETENCIES

Upon completion of this course, each student will:

* Demonstrate a basic understanding of legal and regulatory processes and legal system as it relates to business organizations.
* Develop the fundamentals of legal research, learn methods of legal reasoning and analysis, and apply these skills in reading law cases.
* Become familiar with the 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 different types of business organizations and their advantage and disadvantages and the process for establishing a business organization; go through the formalities of setting up a specific type of business.

# ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

# 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.

# 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.

# COURSE REQUIREMENTS and STANDARD GRADING CRITERIA

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| **Subject of Evaluation** | **Points** | **Percentage** |  | **Course Grade** | **Percentage** |
| Unit I Bio Requirement | 10 | 2 ½ |  | **A** | 90 - 100 |
| Unit I & II Discussion Boards | 90 | 22 ½ |  | **B** | 80 -89 |
| Unit III Current Event Analysis | 100 | 25 |  | **C** | 70 -79 |
| Unit I – IV Quizzes | 100 | 25 |  | **D** | 60 -69 |
| Final Exam | 100 | 25 |  | **F** | Below 60 |
| Total | 400 | 25 |  | **I** | Incomplete\* |

\*An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student’s control. A grade of “incomplete” is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long (10 to 15 weeks) term, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion.  If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

# STUDENT GRADE APPEALS

“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.”

# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

## Unit I (Weeks 1 & 2)

**Week 1 (Oct. 19 – 24**)

**Bio Requirement (5 pts**): Post bio by the end of the day, Thursday **Oct. 22nd** on Bio Board required and is used for attendance records.

**Review:** basic legal principles covered in an undergraduate business law course

**Reading and Review:** Chapters 1 – 20 in the course text

**Quiz I (25 pts.):** open-book quiz during and by the end of the first week of Unit I concurrent with reading and review of Ch. 1 - 20 which ends on **October 24th**.

**Week 2 (Oct. 25 – 31)**

**Unit I Discussion Board–Question (45 pts.) -** answer the Unit I Discussion Board-Question during the second week of Unit I which ends on **Oct. 31st**.

**Unit II (Weeks 3 and 4)**

**Week 3 (Nov. 1 – 7)**

**Reading**: PART IV, Ch. 21 – 23, PART VII Ch. 31 – 34, and Part VIII Ch. 35 -39

**Quiz II (25 pts.):** open-book quiz during and by the first week of Unit II concurrent with reading Ch. 21 – 23 and 31 – 39 which ends on **Nov. 7th**.

**Week 4 (Nov. 8 – 14)**

**Unit II Discussion Board – Reply (45 pts.)** - post a "Reply" to another student’s post as to whether you agree/disagree and why with the other student's post during and by the end of the second week of Unit II which ends on **November 14th.**

**Unit III (Weeks 5 and 6)**

**Week 5 (Nov. 15 – 22)**

**Reading:** PART V, Ch. 24 – 27, Part VI, Ch. 28 – 30

**Quiz III (25 pts.):** open-book quiz during the first week of Unit III concurrent with reading Ch. 24 -30 by the end of the first week of Unit III which ends on **Nov. 22nd**.

***November 23 – 27 Thanksgiving} no assignments due; student’s option to work on course***

**Week 6 (Nov. 29 – Dec. 5)**

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**Unit IV (Weeks 7 and 8)**

**Week 7 (Dec 6 – 12)**

**Reading:** PART IX, Chapters 40 – 44, and PART V Ch. 45 – 46

**Quiz IV (25 pts.):** open-book quiz during the first week of Unit III concurrent with reading Ch. 40 - 46 by the end of the first week of Unit IV which ends on **Dec. 12th**.

**Week 8 (Dec 13 – 19)**

**Final Exam (100 pts.):** is a traditional (closed-book) and timed, but not proctored exam, that comes in two (2) parts, Final Exam I and Final Exam II that are to be taken separately during the second week of Unit IV ending on **Dec. 19th**.

1. **NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS**

To receive credit for any assignment it must be submitted in the course on Blackboard. Assignments will not be accepted after their due dates except by permission from the professor which will only be granted in exigent circumstances as determined by the professor.