

**BUSA 3106 CRN #8529**  
**Legal Environment of Business**  
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**Required Text:**

The Legal & Regulatory Environment of Business, Fourteenth Edition  
Reed, Shedd, Morehead, and Pagnattaro  
McGraw-Hill Irwin Publishing  
ISBN# - 0073048496

**Online Resources:**

<http://www.mhhe.com/reed14e>

**Course Description:**

This course provides the business student with a study of the interrelationship of law and regulation in business. The course also covers government regulation of business activities and the legal environment within which business must operate.

**Course Objectives:**

Upon completion of this course, you should be able to understand the following concepts related to the Legal Environment of Business:

1. Introduction to Law
  - a. Law as the Foundation of Business
  - b. The Ethical Basis of Law and Business Management
2. Dispute Resolution
  - a. The Court System
  - b. Litigation
  - c. Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Systems
3. Business Foundations
  - a. The Constitution and Business
  - b. Principles of Contract Law
  - c. Torts in the Business Environment
  - d. Criminal Law and Business
  - e. Intellectual Property in the Property System
4. Business Regulations
  - a. Agency Law and Business Organizations
  - b. Administrative Law and Corporate Governance
  - c. Antitrust Laws
  - d. Sarbanes-Oxley and Securities Regulations
  - e. Employment and Labor Laws

- f. Discrimination in Employment
- g. Environmental Laws and Pollution Control
- 5. Globalization
  - a. International Law

**Course Requirements:**

Modules #1-4, 6-9, and 11-14 will consist of the following:

**1. Reading Assignment**

The reading assignment each week will be the material that the quiz and discussion questions will be pulled from.

**2. Quiz (20 points)**

You will have 30 minutes to complete each quiz. The quizzes will be offered within a 48 hour window. They will be available beginning on Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm and must be taken by Fridays @ 5:00 pm. Unfinished quizzes will be submitted for grading at 5:00 pm on Friday so give your self plenty of time to complete them.

All quizzes will be open-book and open-note, but should be taken individually (not part of a group or team).

**3. Discussion Questions (10 points)**

The discussion questions will be available at all times but must be posted by Fridays @ 5:00 pm.

**Exam Modules (Modules #5, 10 & 15):**

You will have 90 minutes to complete each exam. The exams will be offered in the same 48 hour window as quizzes. They will be available beginning on Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm and must be taken by Fridays @ 5:00 pm during the weeks they are required. Unfinished exams will be submitted for grading at 5:00 pm on Friday so give your self plenty of time to complete them.

All exams will be open-book and open-note, but should be taken individually (not part of a group or team).

**Grading Structure**

Quizzes (12 @ 20 pts. each)	240 points
Discussion (12 @ 10 pts. each)	120 points
<u>Exams (3 @ 60 pts. each)</u>	<u>180 points</u>
 Total Points	 540 points

**Grading Scale (600 possible points):**

486-540	90.0% or higher	A
432-487	80.0% - 89.9%	B
378-431	70.0% - 79.9%	C
324-377	60.0% - 69.9%	D
0-323	59.9% or lower	F

## **Course Policies:**

### **Attendance**

Attendance will be tracked by the student's completion of the module learning units. "Attendance" itself will not be a factor in the determination of grades, however all assignments, quizzes, and exams must be completed and submitted as scheduled.

### **Assignments, Projects, and Examinations**

All projects and assignments are to be posted or submitted (depending upon instructions) to the course instructor by the required date due. Late submission of assignments, quizzes, and examinations will not be accepted. Students unable to submit assignments, projects, or examinations by the deadline due to illness or emergency, will notify the course instructor prior to the deadline date and make arrangements for an alternate deadline date.

### **Communication**

Please use WebCT e-mail for correspondence and e-mail with the instructor. I will respond within a reasonable time period (generally 24 hours during the week).

### **Technology Issues**

This is a virtual course. You are expected to have access to a working, reliable computer in order to complete the required tasks. "Computer problems" will not be a valid reason for not completing the outlined work. Therefore, I would suggest giving yourself plenty of time to correct any glitches that may occur so that your assignments may be completed and submitted prior to their due dates.

### **Academic Dishonesty**

All assignments, projects, and examinations are to be completed solely by the student. Inclusion of facts, ideas, quotes, or other materials from outside sources must be cited and referenced in all work. Evidence of cheating and plagiarism are cause for disciplinary action by the university. According to the university, plagiarism and cheating refer to the use of unauthorized books, notes, or otherwise securing help in a test; copying tests, assignments, reports, or term papers; representing the work of another person as one's own; collaborating without authority with another student during an examination or in preparing academic work, or otherwise practicing academic dishonesty. If you have any questions about the policies regarding academic dishonesty, please refer to GSW's Student Handbook.

WebCT has multiple security features to prevent or uncover academic dishonesty. The instructor is able to view the computer IP address that you are working from and can see the exact times that you are submitting materials. If you are collaborating with another student in this course, it will be apparent. [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) may also be used by the instructor as a resource to ensure that the work done on the discussion questions is original.

### **Student Support Services**

Please notify me within two weeks if you need any special accommodations regarding test-taking. Any accommodations will only be made with the full permission of the Student Support Services office on campus.

## Course Schedule:

	<u>Available</u>	<u>Due</u>
Module #1		
Quiz	August 20th @ 5:00 pm	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #2		
Quiz	August 27 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	August 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	August 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #3		
Quiz	September 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 pm	September 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	September 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #4		
Quiz	September 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	September 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	September 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #5		
Exam	September 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	September 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #6		
Quiz	September 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	September 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	September 26 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #7		
Quiz	October 1 <sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #8		
Quiz	October 8 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	October 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	October 10 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #9		
Quiz	October 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	October 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	October 17 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #10		
Exam	October 22 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 pm	October 24 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #11		
Quiz	October 29 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	October 31 <sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	October 31 <sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #12		
Quiz	November 5 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	November 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	November 7 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #13		
Quiz	November 12 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	November 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	November 14 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #14		
Quiz	November 19 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm	November 21 <sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Discussion Questions	NOW	November 21 <sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 pm
Module #15		
Exam	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ 5:00 pm	December 4 <sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm