

# SYLLABUS

**CLARENDON COLLEGE**  
**Division of Science & Health**  
**Business Administration Department**  
**Course Name: BUSI 1301 Business Principles**  
**Credit Hours: 3**

**Semester:** Spring 2026

**Section:** Section 585 Roach Unit, T 8:00a-11:00a

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## **Course Description:**

This course provides a survey of economic systems, forms of business ownership, and considerations for running a business. Students will learn various aspects of business, management, and leadership functions; organizational considerations; and decision-making processes. Financial topics are introduced, including accounting, money and banking, and securities markets. Also included are discussions of business challenges in the legal and regulatory environment, business ethics, social responsibility, and international business. Emphasized is the dynamic role of business in everyday life.

## **Statement of Purpose**

This course is designed for transfer to a senior college or university and it partially satisfies the requirements for the Associates degree at Clarendon College.

## **Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Identify major business functions of accounting, finance, information systems, management, and marketing.
2. Describe the relationships of social responsibility, ethics, and law in business.
3. Explain forms of ownership, including their advantages and disadvantages.
4. Identify and explain the domestic and international considerations for today's business environment: social, economic, legal, ethical, technological, competitive, and international.
5. Identify and explain the role and effect of government on business.
6. Describe the importance and effects of ethical practices in business and be able to analyze business situations to identify ethical dilemmas and ethical lapses.
7. Describe basic financial statements and show how they reflect the activity and financial condition of a business.
8. Explain the banking and financial systems, including the securities markets, business financing, and basic concepts of accounting.
9. Explain integrity, ethics, and social responsibility as they relate to leadership and management.
10. Explain the nature and functions of management.
11. Identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of information technology for businesses.

### **Required Instructional Materials:**

This course uses ATLO laptops in conjunction with Clarendon College's BlackBoard site. Instructions for using the laptops, accessing and navigating the course online will be given during class on the day the laptops are checked out to students. All instructional material including the textbook, chapter lessons and video lectures, chapter assignments, and exams are provided on the BlackBoard course website. The process for accessing and submitting assignments and taking exams within BlackBoard will be described in class when the laptops are checked out. Additional instruction on using the LibreOffice software that is pre-installed on the laptops will also be given during class time.

**Textbook:** *Introduction to Business* by OpenStax, Rice University, September 19, 2018, licensed under Creative Commons Attribution License v4.0 (ISBN-10: 1-947172-54-9; ISBN-13: 978-1-947172-54-8).

**Other Relevant Materials:** Students need to bring paper to take notes on and pencils or pens to each class.

### **Required Enrollment Verification Activity:**

Students who fail to complete the Syllabus Agreement EVA activity (located in the Course Orientation section of the course on BlackBoard) by the official census date cannot continue in the course and will receive a W (Withdrawn) at the end of the term. Students may also not be eligible for a refund. If you are receiving financial aid you may also be required to reimburse tuition and fees.

The census date for this term can be found on the Academic Calendar located at the **Inside CC** link on Clarendon College's home page.

### **Student Requirements:**

All assignments need to be submitted online via the respective assignment submission links by the due dates given in the course schedule at the end of this syllabus. No late submissions will be accepted and any assignments not submitted will result in a zero being recorded for the missed assignments. Files submitted for the assignments must be in either Microsoft Word and Excel compatible files formats.

All exams will be conducted online via the BlackBoard Learn website and need to be completed by the due dates given in the attached course schedule. Each exam will consist of 40-50 multiple choice questions and the student will have approximately 60 minutes to complete each exam. Any exam attempts not completed and submitted within the allotted time limit will be considered as having not been taken and a zero will be recorded for the grade.

### **Methods of Instruction:**

A combination of lectures, PowerPoint presentations, outside assigned readings, discussions, and video presentations may be used in this course.

Students are responsible for completing any assigned reading or activities/homework by the due date given. No late assignments will be accepted. Students should also be in class and ready to begin on time with all materials required for that class. The key to your success in this class is attending each lecture with a positive attitude and being prepared for that day's lesson.

### **Grading Policies:**

Final grades will be calculated based on the following:

Chapter Homework (Ethics Activities & Critical Thinking Cases)	20%
Exams (2-3)	<u>80%</u>
Total	100%

The final semester grades will be figured as set in the current catalog:

90 to 100 = A                      80 to 89 = B                      70 to 79 = C                      60 to 69 = D                      Below 59 = F

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities:**

A copy of the Student Rights and Responsibilities is available on the College website at:

<http://www.clarendoncollege.edu/Resources/Student%20Services/StudentRightsResponsibilities.pdf>.

## Classroom Policies:

1. **Exams:** Exam dates given in the schedule attached to this syllabus may be subject to change. THERE WILL BE NO MAKEUP EXAMS GIVEN IN THIS CLASS. If a student will be absent during an exam for any reason, it is the student's responsibility to contact the professor and make arrangements to take the exam prior to the absence. Failure to take an exam at the appointed time will result in the student receiving a zero for a grade on the missed exam. The only exceptions to this rule will be a genuine, documented emergency, in which case the exam is to be made up during the next class period the student returns to school.
2. **Final Exams:** Students must take a final exam for each of their academic courses. The schedule of final exams times is published at the beginning of the semester. Do not make plans to leave school before your scheduled final exam. I will not give any early finals except in extreme emergencies after students have provided documentation of said emergency.
3. **Assignments:** No late or makeup assignments will be given in this class. If an assignment is not turned in when due, the student will receive a zero for a grade on that assignment. If a student will be absent on the day an assignment is due, then it is the student's responsibility to submit the assignment early. Failure to turn in an assignment at the appointed time will result in the student receiving a zero for a grade on the missed assignment. The only exceptions to this rule will be a genuine, documented emergency, in which case the assignment is to be turned in the next class period the student returns to school.
4. **Attendance:** Attendance in this class is mandatory. Roll will be taken (either officially or unofficially) at the beginning of every class period. A student with more than three un-excused absences will have their final grade reduced by one letter grade.
5. **Scholastic Honesty:** I adhere to a strict policy regarding academic honesty. Anyone who is dishonest in any way will receive a zero on that assignment or exam with no opportunity to make up the zero and may be dropped from the course with a grade of F. That student, if allowed to remain in the course, will not be allowed to receive any extra credit points from the time of the infraction through the remainder of the course. A second act of dishonesty will result in an F for the course. Students who commit an act of academic dishonesty will not be allowed to withdraw from the course with a "W." Note that dishonest behavior includes plagiarism, any form of cheating on an exam, or the act of copying someone else's work as well as allowing someone to copy your work (both students are equally guilty and will be equally punished). Any student caught plagiarizing or cheating on any assignment or exam will receive a grade of zero on that assignment or exam, and will possibly face disciplinary action, including possible expulsion, through the school.
6. **Withdrawal:** If you think you need to drop this course, please talk with me about it first. It is possible that there is something you can do to still pass the course. Don't hurt your chances for a passing grade in the course by not attending labs or taking exams before we have discussed your situation. If you decide that you are unable to complete this course or that it will be impossible to complete the course with a passing grade, you may drop the course and receive a "W" on your transcript if you officially withdraw from the course by the last date to withdraw given in the Academic Calendar posted on Clarendon College's website. Withdrawal from a course is a formal procedure that you must initiate through the Registrar's office. If you do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive a grade of "F" on your transcript. It is important to note that a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she will be charged up to triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, students in Texas may only drop a total of 6 courses throughout their entire undergraduate career. After the 6, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes without it affecting their eligibility for financial aid.
7. **Student Behavior:** Students are expected to be considerate of their fellow classmates' desire to learn. Therefore, all students will refrain from disrupting the class in any way. Specifically, students will refrain from talking to one another during lectures and engaging in any other activity that diminishes the quality of the learning environment. Any student(s) disrupting class will be asked to leave the class and not return for the remainder of that class period.

## College Policies

### Academic Integrity Policy

Clarendon College is committed to a philosophy of honesty and academic integrity. It is the responsibility of all members of the Clarendon College community to maintain academic integrity at Clarendon College by refusing to participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty. Any act of academic dishonesty will be regarded by the faculty and administration as a serious offense.

Academic dishonesty violations include, but are not limited to: (1) obtaining an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise by stealing or collusion; (2) discovering the content of an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment before it is given; (3) observing the work of another during an examination or providing answers to another during the course of an examination; (4) using an unauthorized source of information during an examination, classroom activity, laboratory exercise, or homework assignment; (5) entering an office, classroom, laboratory, or building to obtain unfair advantage; (6) taking an examination for another person; (7) completing a classroom activity, laboratory exercise, homework assignment, or research paper for another person; (8) altering grade records; (9) using any unauthorized form of an electronic communication device during an examination, classroom activity, or laboratory exercise; and/or, (10) plagiarism. (Plagiarism is defined as the using, stating, offering, or reporting as one's own, an idea, expression, or production of another person's work without proper credit. This includes, but is not limited to, turning in a paper purchased or acquired from any source, written by someone other than the student claiming credit, or stolen from another student.)

Students are responsible for reporting known acts of academic dishonesty to a faculty member, the program coordinator, the associate dean, and/or dean. Any student with knowledge of a violation who fails to report it shall him/herself be in violation and shall be considered to have committed an act of academic dishonesty. Additionally, any student who reports him/herself in violation of this code before it is likely that another might consider this possibility will be understood as repentant and acting in good faith. Though the confession will not excuse the student for the violation, the confession will be considered and the violation should not result in suspension from school except in the most extreme cases.

While academic integrity and honesty are the responsibility of the individual student, each individual faculty member, teaching assistant, and/or laboratory instructor is responsible for classroom management and for maintaining ethical behavior within the classroom and/or laboratory. Faculty who discover or suspect a violation should discuss the matter with the suspected violator(s) and attempt to resolve the case at that point. In cases of convincing evidence, the faculty member should take appropriate action. The faculty member and student should complete a Counseling Sheet regarding the violation. (The Counseling Sheet should contain at a minimum the date and time of the violation, the course, the instructor's name, the student's name, an explanation of the infraction or facts of the case, and the resolution to the incident.) This form should be signed by the student, faculty member, program coordinator, and the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students will maintain a file on all violations. If a faculty member prefers to report the case directly to the Dean of Students, it remains his/her prerogative to do so. Additionally, if the faculty member and the accused student cannot reach a resolution or if the faculty member believes that suspension from school is the only fair sanction, the case should immediately be reported by the faculty member, in writing, to the Dean of Students. If the Dean of Students observes any trends in student behavior which involve more than one violation or act of academic dishonesty, the Dean is responsible for notifying all faculty members involved, for contacting the student(s) involved, and after consultation with the faculty member(s) involved for taking the appropriate action. The Dean of Students is responsible for the timely notification (normally within two weeks) to all parties of an action taken.

Students wishing to appeal a disciplinary decision involving academic integrity or acts of academic dishonesty may do so through the Student Appeals and Grievance Procedure.

### Withdrawing from (Dropping) the Course

If you decide that you are unable to complete this course or that it will be impossible to complete the course with a passing grade, you may drop the course and receive a "W" on your transcript instead. (The last day to drop a course is available on the Academic Calendar, located at the Student link on the Clarendon College website.) Withdrawal from a course is a formal procedure that you must initiate. If you do not go through the formal withdrawal procedure, you will receive whatever grade you have earned.

Whether to drop a class or not requires a lot of thought. According to Texas state law a student is only allowed to drop the same class twice before he/she will be charged triple the tuition amount for taking the class a third time or more. Furthermore, beginning with the Fall 2007 semester, students in Texas may only drop a total of 6 courses throughout their entire undergraduate career. After the 6<sup>th</sup> dropped class, he/she will no longer be able to withdraw from any classes.

### **Accommodation Statement**

#### **REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, any student who feels that he or she may need any special assistance or accommodation because of an impairment or disabling condition should contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services at 806-874-4837 / [janean.reish@clarendoncollege.edu](mailto:janean.reish@clarendoncollege.edu) or visit the Clarendon campus at Clarendon College. It is the policy of Clarendon College to provide reasonable accommodation as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the Associate Dean of Enrollment Services.

### **Grievance/Appeals Policy**

If you have a dispute concerning your grade or policies in this class, it is the student's responsibility to contact the instructor to discuss the matter. Should things remain unresolved, please follow the procedures described in the Clarendon College Student Handbook or College Policy Manual.

### **Nondiscrimination Policy**

Clarendon College, in accordance with applicable federal and state law, prohibits discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

It is the policy of Clarendon College not to discriminate based on gender, age, disability, race, color, religion, marital status, veteran's status, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. Harassment of a student in class, i.e., a pattern of behavior directed against a particular student with the intent of humiliating or intimidating that student will not be tolerated. The mere expression of one's ideas is not harassment and is fully protected by academic freedom, but personal harassment of individual students is not permitted.

**Tentative Course Schedule/Outline:** (Subject to change)

The following schedule gives the dates each chapter will be covered and dates for the three exams. All graded assignments for each chapter will be due on the date of the exam that covers those chapters.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
1/27/2026	Course Orientation & EVA due by 10:00 PM
1/30/2026	Chapter 1 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
<b>2/4/2026</b>	<b>Census Date (12th Class Day)</b>
2/5/2026	Chapter 2 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
2/11/2026	Chapter 3 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
2/17/2026	Chapter 4 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
2/23/2026	Chapter 5 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
<b>2/24/2026</b>	<b>Exam 1 Chapters 1-5 due by 10:00 PM</b>
3/2/2026	Chapter 6 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
3/6/2026	Chapter 7 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
3/12/2026	Chapter 8 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
3/16-20/2026	<i>Spring Break</i>
3/25/2026	Chapter 9 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
3/31/2026	Chapter 10 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
4/3/2026	Good Friday (Holiday)
4/7/2026	Chapter 11 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
<b>4/9/2026</b>	<b>Last day to drop with a W</b>
4/13/2026	Chapter 12 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
<b>4/14/2026</b>	<b>Exam 2 Chapters 6-12 due by 10:00 PM</b>
4/20/2026	Chapter 13 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
4/23/2026	Chapter 14 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
4/29/2026	Chapter 15 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
5/5/2026	Chapter 16 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
5/8/2026	Chapter 17 Graded Assignment due by 10:00 PM
<b>5/12/2026</b>	<b>Exam 3 Chapters 13-17 due by 10:00 PM</b>

Clarendon College  
Business Administration Department Class Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), acknowledge that I have received the course syllabus for Dr. Taylor's BUSI 1301 course and that I have read and understand the policies it contains. I also understand that any part of the syllabus or course schedule is subject to change including grading policies and exam dates and that Dr. Taylor will not accept any work until I agree to the provisions in the syllabus and sign this contract. By signing this course contract I agree to abide by the policies stated in the course syllabus including those regarding course grades, late or missed assignments, exams (including makeups), attendance, academic honesty, the use of electronic devices in class, respectful behavior, and the dropping of the course.

Specific Provisions (initial each blank):

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand and acknowledge that the syllabus provides the grading policy for the course as well as how my performance in the course will be assessed. I further understand that the professor may change the grading policy, due dates for assignments and exams, or other syllabus components as required during the semester.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that a reliable internet connection is necessary for any online content for this class, and that there are computers in the College library and at the Pampa Center, as well as at the public libraries that I may use if I do not have access to a personal computer with a reliable internet connection. I further agree that if I use a public computer that it is my responsibility to determine their hours of operation and schedule my work accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that attendance in this class is mandatory and that attendance will be taken each week based on my class participation, assignment and forum submissions, and logging in to and accessing the class in Moodle. I also understand that I am to make prior arrangements with Dr. Taylor to turn in assignments or take exams BEFORE being absent for any excused, athletic, or other school event.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that late work is not accepted and that make-up exams will not be given. I also understand that the only exception will be in the event of a documented emergency AND with Dr. Taylor's approval. I further understand that it will be up to me to contact Dr. Taylor immediately upon returning to class to provide the documentation of the emergency, to request a makeup exam or assignment be given, and to schedule the completion of any approved makeup work. Finally, I understand that the due dates given in the course schedule in the syllabus are subject to change at Dr. Taylor's discretion and that the only guaranteed method that these changes will be communicated to me will be in class.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that respect is paramount, and that any student behaving in a disrespectful manner to Dr. Taylor, to his or her fellow classmates, or speaking disrespectfully of those outside the classroom will be asked to leave the class for the rest of the day. Such a student will be counted absent, and will not receive credit for any classwork done that day.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that Dr. Taylor holds office hours with times and locations given in the course syllabus in order to tutor me or assist me if I am having difficulty with the material, and I understand that as an adult it is my responsibility to seek help when I am having difficulty.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

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Date

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Student Printed Name

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TDCJ Number