

## SYLLABUS

**CLARENDON COLLEGE**  
**Division of Business and Technology**  
**Course Name: BUSI 2301 Business Law**  
**Credit Hours: 3**

**Semester:** Summer 12 Week 2024  
**Section:** 565  
**Location & Time:** TDCJ Jordan Unit, Thursdays 8:00 am – 10:40 am  
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### **Course Description:**

Principles of law which form the legal framework for business activity.

### **Statement Of Purpose:**

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

### **Required Instructional Materials:**

#### **Textbook:**

*Business Law I Essential*, by OpenStax, Rice University, September 27, 2019, licensed under Creative Commons Attribution License v4.0, ISBN-13: 978-1-94717-278-4, available for free download at [www.OpenStax.org](http://www.OpenStax.org).

#### **Other Relevant Materials:**

Students need to bring their textbook, paper to take notes on, and pencils to each class.

### **Student Requirements**

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.

### **Methods of Instruction**

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

### **Course Objectives:**

- Define relevant legal concepts and explain their applications to both commercial and international business transactions.
- Discuss the legal process and analyze the regulatory, ethical, tortious and criminal aspects of traditional business and e-commerce.
- Describe the various forms of business organizations and analyze the elements of valid contracts.

- Apply critical thinking, analytic, and communication skills through group assignments, case analysis, problem solving, research, presentations and discussions.
- Develop applicable skills and knowledge in the relevant cross curricular initiatives including effective writing, information literacy, globalization, computerization, historical perspective, and civic responsibility.

### **Grading Policies:**

A Student's final grade will be calculated based on the following:

Homework Assignments	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 students 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 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. **Electronic Communication/Entertainment Devices:** The use of cell phones, iPods, or other electronic communication or entertainment devices is prohibited. If a student is caught using one of these devices during class time, he/she will be asked to leave the class for the remainder of the class that day. AT NO TIME DURING AN EXAM IS ONE OF THESE DEVICES TO BE OUT. ANY STUDENT FOUND TO HAVE A CELL PHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICE OTHER THAN AN APPROVED CALCULATOR OUT

DURING AN EXAM WILL RECEIVE A ZERO ON THAT EXAM. Cell phones should be turned off prior to the start of the class.

7. **Withdrawal:** 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. 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 a grade of "F" on your transcript. A student is permitted to drop a course if he/she obtains an official drop slip from the office and has the instructor sign the slip before the 12<sup>th</sup> class week during a regular long semester, or on or before the last day to drop a class of a term as designated in the college calendar. **Remember, 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.** 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. **The last day to withdraw from this course with a "W" is (this changes every semester)**
8. **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

### Attendance Policy

Weekly attendance is mandatory in all courses. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of each class meeting for all in-person, face-to-face classes. Weekly attendance in all online courses will be based on student completion of specific activities each week that will be identified in the course schedule. Those activities must be completed each week in order for students to be considered "in attendance." Students are also expected to log into their online course(s) at least twice a week. The activities in bold type and are followed by \*\* (double asterisk) in the course schedule will be used to determine weekly attendance in this course.

### 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.

### **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.

### **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:**

The following tentative each chapter will be covered as well as the dates that each homework assignment will be due and each exam will be given. Note that this schedule is subject to change during the semester based on the speed chapters and content is covered, unit lockdowns, and other factors that may influence or alter the timing of the course.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
5/23/2024	Chapter 1
5/30/2024	Chapters 2 & 3
6/6/2024	Chapters 3 & 4
6/13/2024	Chapters 5 & 6
6/20/2024	Chapters 6 & 7
6/27/2024	Exam 1 & Chapters 1-7 homework due, Chapter 8
7/4/2024	Chapters 8 & 9
7/11/2024	Chapters 9 & 10
7/18/2024	Chapters 11 & 12
7/25/2024	Chapters 13 & 14
8/1/2024	Exam 2 & Chapters 8-14 homework due

Clarendon College  
Business Administration Department Class Contract

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (printed name), acknowledge that I have received the course syllabus for Dr. Taylor's BUSI 2301 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.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Student Printed Name

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