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Course content may be changed, term to term, without notice. The information below is provided as a guide for course selection and is not binding in any form, and should not be used to purchase course materials.

COURSE SYLLABUS

BUSI 301 **BUSINESS LAW**

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Designed to increase the understanding of the American legal system and those legal principles which apply to the business environment. Business organizations, torts, contracts, employment relationships and issues, intellectual property, and international law are among the topics discussed.

RATIONALE

The purpose of this course is to assist the student in identifying the legal issues associated with business operations so that he or she may effectively respond and seek competent legal counsel.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: <http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm>

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Office
- D. *The Holy Bible*

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Recognize some of the ethical/legal dilemmas faced by businesses.
- B. Compare the basic elements of the American legal system, the federal and state court systems, and the alternatives to litigation.
- C. Differentiate between the basic business legal entities and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
- D. Describe the basic elements of a contract, identify possible contract defenses, and propose contract remedies in hypothetical fact patterns.

- E. Examine major areas for litigation in the employment law field.
- F. Recognize some of the basic issues of international law facing a business operating internationally in the global economy.
- G. Analyze all of the preceding in light of the teachings and principles taught in the Holy Scriptures.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Course Syllabus and [Student Expectations](#), the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (3)

There are 3 Discussion Board Forums completed in this course. Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to create a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 300 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the student is required to reply to 2 other classmates' threads. Each reply must be at least 100 words. For each thread, the student must support his/her assertions with at least 2 sources in current APA format. Each reply must incorporate at least 1 source in current APA format.

D. Connect Homework (8)

The student will complete weekly homework assignments in Connect, consisting of SmartBook and LearnSmart activities.

E. Book Review

The student will review the book *Business for the Glory of God*. After reviewing the book, the student will write a 1,500–2,100-word paper reflecting on the information contained in the book, connecting to information found in the course. A bibliography containing at least 3 sources in current APA format must be included.

F. Business Plan Paper

For this assignment, the student will be submitting a business plan proposal for his/her imaginary business. This paper must be 1,500–2,100 words in current APA format including at least 3 sources.

G. Quizzes (3)

The student will complete 3 quizzes through Connect. All quizzes are open-book/open-notes, but the student may not receive help from another person while taking the quiz. The quiz questions will be multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**A. Points**

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Discussion Board Forums	
Thread (3 at 50 pts ea)	150
Replies (3 at 50 pts ea)	150
LearnSmart Homework (8 at 15 pts ea)	120
Book Review	130
Business Plan Paper	150
Quizzes (3 at 100 pts ea)	300
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 900–1010 B = 800–899 C = 700–799 D = 600–699 F = 0–599

C. Late Assignment Policy

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.
2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.
3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the course will not be accepted.
4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

D. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online's Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

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Textbooks: Grudem, *Business for the Glory of God* (2003).
Melvin, *Legal Environment of Business* (2015).

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Melvin: chs. 1–3 Begin reading Grudem 2 presentations 1 website	Course Requirements Checklist Class Introductions DB Forum 1 Thread Connect Homework 1	10 0 50 15
2	Melvin: chs. 4–6 Continue reading Grudem 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 1 Replies Connect Homework 2 Quiz 1	50 15 100
3	Melvin: chs. 7–9 Continue reading Grudem 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 2 Thread Connect Homework 3 Quiz 2	50 15 100
4	Melvin: chs. 10–13 Continue reading Grudem 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 2 Replies Connect Homework 4	50 15
5	Melvin: chs. 14–15 Continue reading Grudem 1 presentation 1 website	Book Review Connect Homework 5	130 15
6	Melvin: chs. 16–17 Continue reading Grudem 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 3 Thread Connect Homework 6 Quiz 3	50 15 100
7	Melvin: chs. 18–21 1 presentation 1 website	DB Forum 3 Replies Connect Homework 7	50 15
8	Melvin: chs. 22–26 2 presentations 1 website	Business Plan Paper Connect Homework 8	150 15
TOTAL			1010

DB = Discussion Board

NOTE: Each course module/week (except Module/Week 1) begins on Tuesday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Monday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.