Note:

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

PLAW 226
CONTRACTS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
Covers the legal concepts, principles, and procedures behind contracts and contract law. Emphasis is placed on formation, interpretation, modification, and assignment of contracts with instruction on breach, remedies and damages.

RATIONALE
The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the basics of contracts law. Along with other areas of law such as torts and property law, contracts law is foundational to the American legal system and the Western legal tradition. A good understanding of the law governing contracts is essential for the paralegal professional.

I. PREREQUISITES
For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASES
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 Word
   (Microsoft Office is available at a special discount to Liberty University students.)

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Identify the basic principles of contract law.
B. Describe the steps toward the formation, performance, and enforcement of contracts.
C. Discuss the remedies available for breach of contract actions.
D. Synthesize all of the preceding in light of the Christian worldview.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS
A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations/notes

B. Course Requirements Checklist

After reading the Syllabus and Student Expectations, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (4)

The student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided topic for each forum. Each thread is to be 250 words in length 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 150 words in length.

D. Contracts Drafting Exercise (2)

In these assignments, the student will have the opportunity to draft contract clauses and documents.

E. Tests (4)

Each test will cover the Reading & Study material for 2 modules/weeks. Each test will be open-book/open-notes, contain 22 multiple-choice and true/false questions, 3 short-answer questions, and have a 1-hour time limit.

VI. Course Grading and Policies

A. Points

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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 class 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. Tests

For the tests, you will receive a 10-point deduction for every 15 minutes, or any portion thereof, over the time limit (thus 1 minute over is a 15-point deduction; 16 minutes over is a 20-point deduction).

E. 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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Chrisman, Logia: ch. 1  
1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist  
Class Introductions  
DB Forum 1 Thread | 10  
0  
50 |
| 2           | Chrisman, Contracts: chs. 2–3  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 2  
1 presentation | DB Forum 1 Replies  
Test 1 | 50  
100 |
| 3           | Chrisman, Contracts: chs. 4–5  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 3  
1 presentation | DB Forum 2 Thread  
Contracts Drafting Exercise 1 | 50  
100 |
| 4           | Chrisman, Contracts: chs. 6–7  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 4  
1 presentation | DB Forum 2 Replies  
Test 2 | 50  
100 |
| 5           | Chrisman, Contracts: chs. 8–9  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 5  
1 presentation | DB Forum 3 Thread | 50 |
| 6           | Chrisman, Contracts: ch. 10  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 6  
1 presentation | DB Forum 3 Replies  
Test 3 | 50  
100 |
| 7           | Chrisman, Contracts: ch. 11  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 7  
1 presentation | DB Forum 4 Thread  
Contracts Drafting Exercise 2 | 50  
100 |
| 8           | Chrisman, Contracts: chs. 12–13  
Chrisman, Logia: ch. 8  
1 presentation | DB Forum 4 Replies  
Test 4 | 50  
100 |

**Total** 1010

DB = Discussion Board

**Note:** Each course 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 week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday.