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

BUSI 561
LEGAL ISSUES IN BUSINESS

COURSE DESCRIPTION
This course provides the student with a foundational knowledge of the legal issues that both start-up and established business enterprises face. Armed with this wisdom, the student will assess an organization’s need for competent legal advice from an experienced professional in matters of contracts, corporations, employment, insurance, intellectual property, international trade, leases, limited liability organizations, partnerships, and homeland security concerns.

RATIONALE
The purpose of this course is to expose the student to a select group of legal issues faced by the typical business in today’s business environment. These issues include, but are not limited to, the following: the American legal system, business organizations, contracts, employment law, intellectual property law, and international law. Further, this course equips the student with the ability to analyze the types of legal issues pursuant to a Christian worldview.

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. Access to LexisNexis Academic, the CCH Internet Tax Research Database, Business Source Premier, and other databases available through the Liberty University Online Library.

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES
Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
A. Analyze various legal concepts related to the creation and operation of a business.
B. Assess the impact of government regulation on business.
C. Integrate biblical concepts within the field of business law.

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)
Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the student is required to provide a thread in response to the provided prompt for each forum. Each thread must be at least 1,000 words and demonstrate course-related knowledge. The thread must also be submitted through the SafeAssign link to check for plagiarism. The student will reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 300 words. For each thread and each reply, the student must support assertions with at least 3 scholarly sources other than the textbook/course materials. Each source must be cited in current APA format.
D. Contracts Analysis
The student will complete a Contracts Analysis of at least 1,000 words in response to a provided scenario. The assignment must include at least 3 scholarly sources other than the course textbook/materials and conform to current APA format.
E. Mediation Memorandum
The student will complete a Mediation Memorandum of at least 1,000 words in response to a provided scenario. The assignment must include thoughtful and fully integrated biblical analysis throughout the assignment, and it must also include at least 3 legal or scholarly sources other than the course textbook/materials. Each source must be cited in current APA format.
F. Quizzes (4)
Each quiz will cover the assigned Reading & Study material. Each quiz will be open-book/open-notes, contain 25 multiple-choice and true/false questions, and have a 1-hour time limit.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES
A. Points
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Contracts Analysis 120
Mediation Memorandum 100
Quiz 1 (Modules 1–2) 75
Quiz 2 (Modules 3–4) 75
Quiz 3 (Modules 5–6) 75
Quiz 4 (Modules 7–8) 75
Total 1010

B. Scale
C+ = 820–839   C = 780–819   C- = 760–779   F = 0–759

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. Quizzes/Tests/Exams
For timed quizzes/tests/exams, the student is required to complete the quiz/test/exam within the assigned time. For the student who exceeds this time limit, a penalty of 1 point will be deducted for each minute, or part thereof, he/she exceeds the assigned time limit.

E. Legal Disclaimer
This course is not a substitute for a law degree or for the advice of an attorney. Rather, this course should assist the student in identifying the legal issues associated with business operations and to impart to the student the legal knowledge necessary to recognize legal pitfalls and respond by seeking legal counsel. A student completing this course should not feel qualified to practice law any more than a student completing an introductory course in anatomy should not feel qualified to practice medicine. The textbook and all of the materials used in this course are for educational and illustrative purposes only. Liberty University and its faculty and staff accept no responsibility or liability for the information portrayed in this course with regard to legal matters in any way.
F. 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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DB = Discussion Board

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