

**SYLLABUS**

**COURSE #**            BADM 210  
**COURSE TITLE**    LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS  
**# OF CREDITS**     3

**CATALOG DESCRIPTION:**

An examination of the primary lawmaking and adjudicatory processes with a substantial emphasis upon the role that economic, social, political, and ethical forces lay upon the shaping of domestic and international legal rules. Semester Offered-On Demand.

**COURSE GOALS:**

1. Teach the basic nature of the judicial system, including domestic and international judicial systems, the legislative process, and administrative agency control and regulation as it impacts business.
2. Present the common law foundation of our legal system to include contract law, tort law, agency law, the law of property and intellectual property, and the laws establishing business organizations.
3. Learn the principles of law as it relates to business firms' customers, employees, public competitors, and investors.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

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

1. Define the how and explain the why our judicial, legislative, and administrative systems operate.
2. Articulate a theory of social responsibility of business based upon ethical standards embodied in the law and society.
3. Define a contract, analyze it according to the elements required by law, recognize common defenses, and know the duties, obligations, and remedies created by law.
4. Explain the law of torts, including the ability to define and articulate the elements of the tort of negligence.
5. Distinguish real property from personal property and define property in terms of a collection of multiple rights, and explain the nature of

intellectual property, including property rights identified with the computer industry.

6. Identify the three major forms of business associations and define the importance of choice of business forms, and how business organizations are governed internally including how minority ownership interests are protected.
7. Identify the agency relationships and doctrine under which the employee will also be held liable for the wrongful acts committed by the employee.
8. Identify the five groups of persons to whom the business firms owes legal and moral duties, the areas of government responsible for creating duties or regulating in these areas, and the means persons have of enforcing their rights in these areas.

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