

COURSE SYLLABUS

TO: BLR 202WI Students
FROM: Jill N. Lauderman, J.D.
COURSE: Legal Environment of Business
RE: Syllabus for BLR 202WI, Legal Environment of Business, Online.
DATE: Fall II - 9/17/2018 – 11/9/2018

Course description: Introduction to the concept and use of law as a social institution. Open to both nonbusiness and business students. This course may be offered in an online or hybrid format. This course may be offered in an online or hybrid format. University Program Group III B: Studies in Social Structures. Writing intensive.



Workload: Because this is an online course it has 16 weeks of work condensed into 8. **Plan accordingly.** Where you might have about 8 hours of classroom attendance and homework in a regular semester course, you will have about 16 hours of work per week in this course. You are expected to do the work outlined each week without further prodding from me. **YOU CANNOT WORK AT YOUR OWN PACE IN THIS COURSE YOU MUST ADHERE TO THE SYLLABUS.**

Where to find the assignments: If this is the first online class you have taken with Central Michigan University we have a standardized course shell for all online courses. You will find assignments under "Course Materials". You will find an outline of the entire course, including assignments, under "Syllabus/Schedule".

Go to "Online Help" at the tab on menu at left! This link has a lot of information you may need!



When assignments are due: The first discussion board post is due by midnight on Wednesday and all other assignments are due by Sunday at midnight. A new week starts on Monday at 12:01 a.m. You **cannot** work at your own pace in this class. Assignments are due when indicated and you **cannot** choose to turn in assignments late in exchange for a reduction of points. It is not my practice to grant extensions, but if you are given an extension to submit late work be advised that you will lose 10% per day for every day of the extension. **You must keep up in this class.**

Turning in written assignments: Do not send written assignments to me by email. All written assignments must be posted at the link given each week.

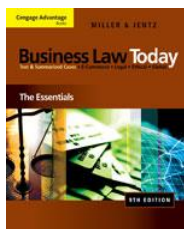
Assignments to be turned into the Writing Center: Turn in here and post a copy after they have reviewed at above link:
<https://www.cmich.edu/global/writingcenter/Pages/default.aspx>



Communications: Check your email daily. If I have a special announcement I will post it in the “Announcements” section of Blackboard and also send you a copy by email. This course operates on Eastern Standard (EST) time and all assignments are due by midnight EST. **My email is: reigh2j@cmich.edu and my telephone number is: 989-621-1062 (cell).** *The best way to contact me is by email. I expect to return all email within 24 hours, but usually less than that.*

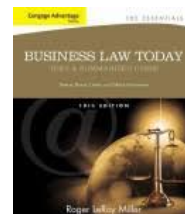


Professional background: I graduated from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing Michigan in 2012. My concentration was environmental law; however, I have worked in family law for the last couple years in Mt. Pleasant, MI. I am licensed to practice law in Michigan and Tennessee. I have been teaching at CMU since 2014 in the Dept. of Finance and Law.



Required materials: Text: Business Law Today: The Essentials, 11th or 10th edition, Roger LeRoy Miller. Cengage Advantage Books.

11th edition information: ISBN10:1-305-57479-6. ISBN 13: 978-1-305-57479-3



If you have a question: Post it on the Q&A discussion forum or email me directly. See “Online Course Info” for assistance and resources such as the Helpdesk, CMU Online, and Blackboard Tutorials.

Special Consideration: CMU provides students with disabilities reasonable accommodation to participate in educational programs, activities or services. Students with disabilities requiring accommodation to participate in class activities or meet course requirements should first register with the office of student disability services in the Park Library. They will give you complete instructions on what to do.

Civility: See the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Disciplinary Procedures.

Plagiarism and Working Together: For complete information on the Academic Integrity Policy see link under 'External Links' on Blackboard.

STUDENTS MUST WRITE THEIR OWN ASSIGNMENTS. The primary purpose of a written assignment (in this class) is for you to practice writing. The content is secondary – I can test your knowledge of content with multiple choice exams. I can only test your ability to communicate through writing by grading writing assignments. As such, you are not to collaborate on the writing assignments except you may talk about what you think the correct answer is, but **NO COLLABORATION ON THE WRITING.** I cannot emphasize this enough. Evidence of collaboration or academic dishonesty will result in automatic failing of this course. Evidence of cut and paste, particularly from the internet, will result in reduction of course grade – **YOU MUST PRACTICE WRITING.** The following are all examples of what you **CANNOT** do:



- Do not copy another student's paper. **DO NOT EVEN LOOK AT ANOTHER STUDENT'S PAPER.** ▪
- Do not copy from the internet, you can *summarize* ideas you get from the internet, **but you cannot cut and paste.** When you summarize or quote something from ANY source, including the internet, you **MUST** give credit to that source in a 'References' or 'Works Cited' page. ▪

Check your grades and feedback under "Course Grades" on the left menu at least once a week.



A week starts on Monday and ends on Sunday in this course. Most assignments/tasks are due by the end of the assigned week unless otherwise specified and/or announced. U.S. Eastern Time

Week	Date(s)	Topic(s)	Reading(s)	Task(s)/Assignment(s) Due
0	9/10/18	Getting Started	- Syllabus & Blackboard tutorials	- Pre-class tasks
1	9/17/18	The Legal Environment, Legal Arguments, and Briefs	- Assigned reading, not in text, in folder. - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 1A and Test 1B - Week 1 Discussion Board - Week 1 Brief draft due (2 pages) (draft with Writing Center comments and revised Week 1 paper due Week 2)
2	9/24/18	The Constitutional Foundation, Dispute Resolution	- Text: Chapter 1 - Assigned reading, not in text, in folder. - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 2A and Test 2B - Week 2 Discussion Board - Week 2 Brief draft due (2 pages) (draft with Writing Center comments and revised Week 2 paper due Week 3) - Week 1 Brief final due (draft with Writing Center comments and revised paper)
3	10/1/18	Business Organizations	- Text: Chapters 19 & 20 - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 3A and Test 3B - Week 3 Discussion Board - Week 3 Brief (2 pages, no revision allowed) - Week 2 Brief final due (draft with Writing Center comments and revised paper)

4	10/8/18	Torts, Intellectual Property	- Text: Chapters 3 & 4 (11th ed) or Chapters 4, 5 (10 ed) - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 4A and Test 4B - Week 4 Discussion Board - Week 4 Brief (2.5 pages, no revision allowed)
5	10/15/18	Agency, Employment law	- Text: Chapters 17 & 18 (same both editions) - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 5A and Test 5B - Week 5 Discussion Board - Week 5 Argument draft due (2.5 pages) (draft with Writing Center comments and revised paper due Week 7)
6	10/22/18	Contracts	- Text: Chapters 8 & 11 (same in both editions) - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 6A and Test 6B - Week 6 Argument draft due (2.5 pages)(draft with Writing Center comments and revised paper due Week 8)
7	10/29/18	Personal Property	- Text: Chapter 23 (same in both editions) - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 7 - 1 test only this week - Week 7 Argument (2.5 pages, no revision) - Week 5 Argument final due (draft with Writing Center comments and revised paper)
8	11/5/18	Real Property	- Text: Chapter 24 (same in both editions) - Additional materials in the folder	- Test 8 - 1 test only this week - Week 8 Assessment Essays (2.5 pages, no revision) - Week 6 Argument final due (draft with Writing Center comments and revised paper)

Course Evaluation

The class activities and points are listed as follows:

Category	Details	Points
Tests	Test 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, & 8 at range from 25 to 40 points each	440 points
Written Assignments	- Weeks 1,2,3,4: 40pts each - Weeks 5,6,7: 50pts each - Week 8 (3 essays): 100pts	410 points
Discussion Board	20pts x 3, 10pts x 2	80 points
	TOTAL:	930 points

Final semester grade is on a percentage scale (points earned / total points) as follows:

94% or above : A	, 87% - 89% : B+	, 77% - 79% : C+	, 67%-69% : D+	, Below 60% : E
90% - 93% : A-	, 84% - 86% : B	, 74% - 76% : C	, 64%-66% : D	
	, 80% - 83% : B-	, 70% - 73% : C-	, 60%-63% : D-	

Check your grades and feedback under "My Grades" on the left menu at least once a week.

Academic Integrity

Because academic integrity is a cornerstone of the University's commitment to the principles of free inquiry, students are responsible for learning and upholding professional standards of research, writing, assessment, and ethics in their areas of study. Written or other work which students submit must be the product of their own efforts and must be consistent with appropriate standards of professional ethics. Academic dishonesty, which

includes cheating, plagiarism and other forms of dishonest or unethical behavior, is prohibited. A breakdown of behaviors that constitute academic dishonesty is presented in the CMU Bulletin <https://bulletins.cmich.edu/> .

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Each member of the Central Michigan University community assumes an obligation regarding self-conduct to act in a manner consistent with a respect for the rights of others and with the University's function as an educational institution. As guides for individual and group actions within this community, the University affirms the general principles of conduct described in the Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Disciplinary Procedures at <https://www.cmich.edu/ess/studentaffairs/Pages/Code-of-Student-Rights.aspx>.

Library Research and Instruction Services

As a CMU student you have full access to the services and resources of the CMU Library. Reference librarians will help you find information on your research topic and answer other questions related to the library. The library's Documents on Demand office will obtain copies of the books and journal articles for you. Check out the library's website at <https://library.cmich.edu> for more information.

Reference librarian contact information:

1. By email: libref@cmich.edu
2. By online form: <http://libguides.cmich.edu/askalibrarianform>
3. By phone: (989) 774-3470.

Documents on Demand office contact information:

1. By email: docreq@cmich.edu
2. By online form: <https://illiad.cmich.edu/>
3. By phone: (989) 774-3022.

Writing Center

The CMU Writing Center is a free online service for all CMU students, providing help with grammar, citations, bibliographies, drafts, and editing of academic papers. Suggestions and feedback are typically provided within two business days. For additional information and to submit work, visit <https://www.cmich.edu/global/writingcenter/Pages/default.aspx>

Mathematics Assistance Center

The CMU Mathematics Assistance Center provides free tutoring in mathematics and statistics to students enrolled in select courses. Tutoring is available online and via telephone. To see what courses qualify and to register with the Math Assistance Center, visit <http://global.cmich.edu/mathcenter/tutoring-request.aspx>.

ADA

CMU provides individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations to participate in educational programs, activities and services. Students with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in class activities or meet course requirements should contact Student Disability Services at (800) 950-1144, extension 3018 or email sds@cmich.edu, at least 4 weeks prior to registering for class. Students may find additional ADA information and forms at <https://www.cmich.edu/ess/studentaffairs/SDS/Pages/default.aspx>

Note to students: The student will need to provide to each of their instructors the "Notification Letter to the Instructor" outlining the accommodations the student is approved to receive.

Center Information:

**Central Michigan University
CMU Online**

Enrollment Services Team for CMU Online

(800) 688-4268 or (989) 774-1129

Fax (989) 774-1998

Email cmuonline@cmich.edu

Website www.global.cmich.edu/CMUOnline

Drop/Withdrawal Policy: <http://global.cmich.edu/courses/drop-withdraw.aspx>

Online Resources for Students:

CMU Computer Help Desk

https://www.cmich.edu/office_provost/OIT/help/help_desk/Pages/default.aspx

Pre-Class Checklist

<http://www.global.cmich.edu/cmuonline/checklist.aspx>

Online Learning Resource Center

<http://www.global.cmich.edu/cmuonline/about/>