



## Legal and Ethical Environment of Business

### BLAW 3430.007

### Fall 2025

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#### Instructor Information

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#### Class Details

Class Time: Wednesday 6:30 PM – 9:20 PM

Class location: Business Leadership Building BLB [TBD]

#### Student hours

- Wednesday 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm in-person  
Drop by to ask questions about the material or anything else—no appointment needed. First come, first served.
- By appointment (in-person or Zoom)  
We can coordinate a time to meet one-on-one that works for us both.

#### What We'll Be Learning

This course provides an overview of business law, covering the basic principles of contracts and sales, the Uniform Commercial Code, and the role of regulatory agencies in business operations.

#### Course Objectives

- Explain the legal and ethical environment of business and its impact on decision-making
- Identify and apply sources of law, including constitutional, statutory, and case law
- Understand contract formation, enforcement, and related business obligations
- Compare business entity structures and assess their legal implications
- Evaluate government regulation and ethical issues in business operations
- Apply legal principles to real-world business scenarios

## Required Materials

Textbook: ***Cheeseman's Business Law***, 12th Edition, by **Henry R. Cheeseman**, published by Pearson.

ISBN **9780138033668**

You will access the [eBook](#) and MyLab through Canvas.

## Technology Requirements

Internet access, Canvas, Pearson MyLab (accessed through Canvas)

## How to Succeed in this Course

Engage consistently, complete assignments on time, and participate in discussions. Plan your work in advance and use the resources provided.

## Grading Breakdown

Category	Weight
Dynamic Study Modules (DSM)	10%
Interactive Readings	20%
Weekly Quizzes	20%
Case Studies	8%
Video Assignments	4%
Midterm Exam	15%
Final Exam	15%
Total	100%

## Weekly Schedule

Please note that the schedule below is subject to change; however, the key dates and overall structure are expected to remain consistent. The schedule outlines weekly topics and assignments. MyLab assignments and quizzes are due by Sunday at 10:59 PM unless otherwise noted.

Week	Date	Topic	Assignments Due
Week 1	Aug 20	Introduction & Course Overview; Ch. 1	DSM Ch. 1; Interactive Reading Ch. 1; Quiz 1
Week 2	Aug 27	Ch. 2 & 3	DSM Ch. 2-3; Interactive Reading Ch. 2-3; Quiz 2-3
Week 3	Sep 03	Ch. 6 & 7	DSM Ch. 6-7; Interactive Reading Ch. 6-7; Quiz 4
Week 4	Sep 10	Ch. 8 & 9	DSM Ch. 8-9; Interactive Reading Ch. 8-9; Quiz 5
Week 5	Sep 17	Ch. 10	DSM Ch. 10; Interactive Reading Ch. 10; Assignment 1 Due; Quiz 6
Week 6	Sep 24	Ch. 15	DSM Ch. 15; Interactive Reading Ch. 15; Quiz 7
Week 7	Oct 01	Ch. 16	DSM Ch. 16; Interactive Reading Ch. 16; Quiz 8
Week 8	Oct 08	Midterm Review & Midterm Exam	Midterm Exam (Ch. 1–16)
Week 9	Oct 15	Ch. 26	DSM Ch. 26; Interactive Reading Ch. 26; Quiz 9
Week 10	Oct 22	Ch. 30	DSM Ch. 30; Interactive Reading Ch. 30; Quiz 10
Week 11	Oct 29	Ch. 32	DSM Ch. 32; Interactive Reading Ch. 32; Quiz 11
Week 12	Nov 05	Ch. 36 & 37	DSM Ch. 36-37; Interactive Reading Ch. 36-37; Quiz 12
Week 13	Nov 12	Ch. 42	DSM Ch. 42; Interactive Reading Ch. 42; Quiz 13

Week 14	Nov 19	Ch. 43 & 44 + Final Review	DSM Ch. 43-44; Interactive Reading Ch. 43-44; Quiz 14; Prepare for Final Exam
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No Class on Nov 26 (Thanksgiving Break)

Final Exam Week (Dec 1 – Dec 5): Comprehensive Final Exam

## University and Course Policies

### Attendance and Participation

Regular attendance and participation are expected. Class sessions involve discussion, problem-solving, and application exercises that are essential for understanding course material. If you must miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain notes and assignments from a classmate.

### Academic Integrity

Students are expected to adhere to the highest standards of academic honesty. Cheating, plagiarism, or any form of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary action in accordance with the University of North Texas (UNT) policy. Refer to the UNT Code of Student Conduct for detailed information.

### Accommodations

The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodation for students with disabilities. Students seeking accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. Once registered, students should provide their ODA accommodation letter to the instructor as soon as possible.

### Technology Expectations

Students are expected to maintain access to Canvas and Pearson MyLab throughout the semester. Exams require Respondus Lockdown Browser and a webcam. Ensure that your technology is functioning before exam dates.

### Late Work and Make-Up Policy

Assignments are due on the dates indicated in the syllabus. Late submissions may be penalized unless prior arrangements are made with the instructor. Make-up exams will be scheduled only for documented emergencies.