

NOVA COLLEGE-WIDE COURSE CONTENT SUMMARY BUS 240 – INTRODUCTION TO BUSINESS LAW (3 CR.)

Course Description

Provides an introduction to the American legal system and the use of law to achieve economic and social goals. Highlights ethical principles and legal reasoning underlying the rights and obligations of business relationships and their effect on business decision-making. Emphasizes fundamental principles of government regulation and the court system, constitutional law, torts, criminal law, contracts, agency, employment, and property law.
Lecture 3 hours per week

General Course Purpose

The course will emphasize the importance of critical thinking, communication and evidence-based argument in solving problems in business and law.

Course Prerequisites/Corequisites

None.

Course Objectives

This course supports the following general learning outcome topics

- Critical thinking
 - Identify and solve problems using legal and ethical principles and evidence
- Communication
 - Effectively communicate legal and ethical principles using evidence.

Major Topics to be Included

- a) Legal environment/foundations of law
- b) Torts and product liability/criminal law
- c) Contracts
- d) Agency law/employment law
- e) Property