

Business Law

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

This semester-long high school course is designed to provide students with the knowledge of some of the vital legal concepts that affect commerce and trade, after first gaining some familiarity with how laws are created and interpreted. Students are then introduced to the types of businesses that can be created as well as the contractual and liability considerations that can impact a business. Laws that affect how a business is regulated are reviewed, particularly the impact of administrative rules and regulations on a business. Global commerce and international agreements, treaties, organizations, and courts are discussed to get a better sense of what it means to “go global” with a business. Dispute resolution strategies are also addressed.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Know the legislative and executive branches of government and their functions
- Discuss corporations, sole proprietorships and agency relationships
- Describe the elements that must be present for a contract to be valid
- Review the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), a federal law that regulates contracts for the sale of goods including Internet contracts
- Examine liability, nuisance, torts, and defenses
- Learn about the three types of contract defenses: validity of formation, inability to perform the contract, and inability to enforce a contract
- Discuss ethics and the law, and crimes against property including white-collar crime
- Review criminal and civil procedure, and identify the key stages of each
- Explore administrative law and its history, the commerce clause, and employment law
- Describe the concept of intellectual property and its protections, including trademarks, patents, and copyrights
- Discuss e-commerce, international law and free trade, and the free flow of capital in an integrated global economy
- Examine consumer protection and environmental protection
- Discuss bankruptcy law and dispute resolution

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** The Role of Law and Its Impact on Business
- Unit 2:** Legal Considerations in Business Law
- Unit 3:** Regulating a Business
- Unit 4:** Global Commerce
- Unit 5:** Protections and Resolutions