LINCOLN UNIVERSITY

BA 135 – Legal Foundations of Business Course Syllabus Spring 2014

Lecture Schedule: Tuesday, 9:00 AM – 11:45 AM 3 units (45 hours of lecture) **Instructor:** Prof. Ken Germann, MBA, JD

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Textbook: Employment Law for Business

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CATALOG DESCRIPTION

Introduction is made to the legal system of the modern business world, to the definition and enforcement of common forms of legal obligations, the judicial system and practical aspects of Business Law. (3 units) Prerequisite: BA 10 or equivalent

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- Students will understand how employee relations are regulated.
- Students will understand the different types of discrimination which affect employment.
- Students will have a thorough knowledge of regulation in the workplace.
- Students will learn the rights and responsibilities of employers and employees.

PROCEDURES AND METHODOLOGY

Lecture method is used in combination with business case studies. The emphasis will be on learning by doing. Every student must participate in an intensive preparation and classroom activity.

COURSE PROJECT

Every student in the class must complete and submit a plan for personnel policy and procedures. Final project will be presented orally on the last day of class.

REQUIREMENTS

Continuous assessment is emphasized. Written assignments will be given every week. Reading, writing and "business case study" assignments will be scheduled throughout the course. Students must complete all assignments and take all exams on the dates scheduled. Plagiarism will result in the grade "F" and a report to the administration.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend each class session. If you cannot attend a class due to a valid reason, please notify the instructor prior to the class. There will be a make-up assignment.

EXAMS

Both midterm and final exams are structured as written essays to answer the given questions. Examples to illustrate; and references to statute and case law are mandatory. Exams will cover all assigned chapters, any additional readings or supplementary materials covered in class.

GRADING

Class Participation		100 pc	ints	
Case Studies		100 pc	ints	
Mid-term Exam		100 pc	ints	
Final Exam		100 pc	ints	
Course Project - Written 50				
_	Oral 50	100 pc	ints	
Total		500 pc	ints	
470-500	A	365-384	C	
450-469	A-	350-364	C-	
435-449	B+	335-349	D+	
415-434	В	300-334	D	
400-414	B-	299 or below	F	
385-399	C+			

COURSE SCHEDULE

Lectures	Topic	Chapters
1	Overview	
	Regulation of Employment	Ch. 1
2	(a) Civil Rights Act	Ch. 2
	(b) Legal Construction of the Environmental Environment	Ch. 3
3	(a) Affirmative Action	Ch. 4
	(b) Race and Color Discrimination	Ch. 5
4	National Origin Discrimination	Ch. 6
5	Gender Discrimination	Ch. 7
6	Sexual Harassment	Ch. 8
7	(a) Review	Ch. 1-8
	(b) Midterm Exam	
8	Affinity Orientation Discrimination	Ch. 9
9	Religious Discrimination	Ch. 10
10	Age Discrimination	Ch. 11
11	Disability Discrimination	Ch. 12
12	(a) Employee Rights	Ch. 13
	(b) Labor Law	Ch. 14

13 Benefits and Protections Ch. 15

14 (a) Review

(b) Final Exam Ch. 9-15

15 (a) Written Course Project Due

(b) Oral Presentation of Course Project

COMMENTS

- ❖ Participation is required. What you put into the class will determine what you get out of it − and what others get out of it.
- ❖ Please come on time. Late arrivals disturb everyone else.
- ❖ If you miss a class, you are responsible for getting notes on the material covered from a classmate.
- To avoid distracting noise in class, cellular phones must be turned off or the ringing mode silenced.
- ❖ Questions and comments during the class are welcome. Do not hesitate to ask questions do not leave anything unclear for you.

MODIFICATION OF THE SYLLABUS

The instructor reserves the right to modify this syllabus at any time during the semester. Announcements of any changes will be made in the classroom.

INSTRUCTOR BIO

My first career was in operations for manufacturers. I worked as an expediter, quality control inspector, junior chemist, front line supervisor and plant manager. I was lucky enough to be a poverty attorney during the "War on Poverty". My third career was as a producer, director, script writer and actor for a murder mystery company. For the past thirty years I have had a consulting firm, specializing in management and marketing problems.

Like many students, I pursued four degree programs while working full time. My passion is teaching. I have over thirty years of teaching graduate and undergraduate business classes. My other interests are family and travel. I have had an opportunity to work and travel to 171 countries.

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