

SYLLABUS – SPRING 2007
Legal Environment of Business 323

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Monday and Wednesday: 11:00 am – noon, or by appointment

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Text

Business Law: Text and Cases, by Allison & Prentice (8th Custom Edition by Thomson Publishing)

Grades

Each student will be assigned a number (see Blackboard) that must be placed on each quiz and exam to receive credit. Grades will be based upon the following and will be posted on Egradebook:

Exam 1 (30%)	February 14
Exam 2 (30%)	April 2
Exam 3 (30%)	May 2
Attendance (10%)	Quizzes

Exam Format (90%): Exams 1, 2 & 3 will be closed book, closed notes and will be given in the first 50 minutes of your scheduled class time. They will consist of true/false and/or multiple-choice questions. The three in-class exams will NOT be cumulative.

“Optional” Final (Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm): If you are unable to take an exam on the assigned day, for whatever reason, you must take the final exam and the grade you receive on that exam will replace the missed exam. If you take all three exams, you may take the final to replace your lowest exam grade. I will only replace a prior exam grade with a *higher* final exam grade. **The optional final will be one hour in duration and will be cumulative.**

*NOTE – If you are unable to take the final due to another exam scheduled at the same time, you must provide written notification to David Hall by **noon on Friday, May 4**, and an alternative testing time will be established.

Attendance (10%): We will have six quizzes on randomly selected days throughout the semester. Your attendance grade will consist of your highest five quiz scores.

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Course Grades

The following scale will be used to determine letter grades. If the class average is low, a curve will be applied after the three in-class exams.

- Lowest A = 89.5 average
- Lowest B = 79.5 average
- Lowest C = 64.5 average
- Lowest D = 59.5 average

Additions: For exceptional class participation or showing great effort. Extra-credit opportunities may also be offered during the semester.

Deductions: Although this hopefully will not occur, if you are disruptive to the class, I may deduct points.

Cheating

The minimum penalty for any scholastic dishonesty related to exams will be an F in the course. Discussing exam questions with students who have not taken the exam is scholastic dishonesty.

Class Schedule (also see <http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/06-07long.html>)

Exam 1 Material:

Introduction to Law	Ch. 1: Nature and Sources of Law
	Ch. 2: Court Systems, Jurisdiction, and Functions
	Ch. 3: Litigation and ADR
	Ch. 4: Common and Statutory Law
Torts & Product Liability	Ch. 8: The Law of Torts (including Freedom of Speech, Ch. 5)

Exam 2 Material:

Contracts	Ch. 11: Nature and Classification of Contracts
	Ch. 12: The Agreement
	Ch. 13: Consideration
	Ch. 14: Illegality
	Ch. 15: Voidable Contracts
	Ch. 16: Contracts in Writing
Product Liability	Ch. 21: Sales: Products Liability

Exam 3 Material:

IP	Ch. 9: Intellectual Property
Employment Issues	Ch. 23: Agency: Nature, Creation, Duties, and Termination
	Ch. 24: Agency: Liability of the Parties and Business Formations
	Ch. 29: Employment Law and Ethics
Wills & Estates	Ch. 27: Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning

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