

SYLLABUS

LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS

SOC 226 Z

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REQUIRED TEXT: *West's Business Law*, Thirteenth Edition (Clarkson, Miller, Jentz & Cross, editors)

COURSE OVERVIEW: This course will address legal concepts as applied to and affecting business relationships and decisions. The relationship between law and ethics in business will be discussed. Other topics which will be covered are legal reasoning, property principles, the court system, contract formation, contract performance and remedies. Additionally, litigation involving contracts, property and business transactions will also be covered. In supplementing the text as a practical exercise, recent and/or active cases in Northampton and Lehigh Counties will be discussed.

GRADING:

- ◆ One-third of the grade will be based on a short term paper which will be scheduled during the first phase of the semester;
- ◆ One-third of the grade will be based on a mid-term exam;
- ◆ One-third of the grade will be based on a final exam.

* As a supplement, attendance and class participation may be taken into consideration in any of the above three categories.

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READING ASSIGNMENTS

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Capacity and Legality	14
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The Writing Requirement and Electronic Records	16
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Performance and Discharge in Traditional and E-Contracts	18
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