

MASTER COURSE OUTLINE

A. BUSO 1679 Essentials of Business Law

B. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides an introductory overview of legal rights and a broad, practical approach to the study of business law. A survey of subjects include: criminal law, tort law, property law, landlord-tenant law, computer law, ethics, professionals' liability, and personal law. Internet sites are used to access for research of issues for discussion. **(2 Cr – 2 lect, 0 lab)**

C. **Core Themes: Critical Thinking and Ethical and Civic Responsibility

D. MAJOR CONTENT AREAS:

- Business crimes including computer law
- Business torts including employer liabilities
- Property law
- Employment law
- Corporation, partnership, and sole proprietorships
- Business ethics
- Contract law
- Civil and criminal law sources and procedures

E. GOAL TYPES, OBJECTIVES, AND OUTCOMES:

<u>GOAL</u>	<u>OBJECTIVES</u>	<u>OUTCOMES</u>
** <u>Critical Thinking</u>	Students will be able to gather factual information and apply it to a given problem in a manner that is relevant, clear, comprehensive, and conscious of possible bias in the information selected.	1. recognize litigation issues relevant to business and industry to gain awareness of business decision making.
** <u>Ethical and Civic Responsibility</u>	examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.	1. understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues. 2. analyze the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues. 3. recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.

		4. identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
<u>CS</u>	understand the United States legal system including federal and state courts.	1. demonstrate knowledge of legal system after research of alternative dispute sources, state and federal court websites.
<u>CS</u>	identify contract categories, elements, and Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) exceptions to black letter contract law.	1. demonstrate an understanding of contract elements, responsibilities, and breach.
<u>CS</u>	analyze ethical considerations contrasted to legal consideration.	1. produce analyses of breach of ethics case studies.
<u>CS</u>	understand elements of wrongful conduct in major categories of wrongs that can lead to employer liability.	1. recognize litigation issues of employer's legal liabilities.
<u>CS</u>	recognize characteristics of business organization structures.	1. demonstrate an understanding of choices of business structures.
<u>CS</u>	analyze negotiable instruments requirements.	1. demonstrate an understanding of the various negotiable instruments.
<u>CS</u>	recognize business crimes and business torts.	1. demonstrate an understanding of major business crimes and torts that affect employers' liabilities.

F. SPECIAL INFORMATION:

This course may require use of the Internet, the submission of electronically prepared documents and the use of a course management software program. Students who have a disability and need accommodations should contact the instructor or the Student Success Center at the beginning of the semester. This information will be made available in alternative format, such as Braille, large print, or current media, upon request.

G. COURSE CODING INFORMATION:

Course Code D/Class Maximum 30; Letter Grade

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*Riverland Community College Disciplines	MnTC Goal Number
Communication (CM)	1
Natural Sciences (NS)	3
Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (MA)	4
History and the Social & Behavioral Sciences (SS)	5
Humanities and Fine Arts (HU)	6

**Riverland Community College Core Themes	MnTC Goal Number
Critical Thinking (CT)	2
Human Diversity (HD)	7
Global Perspective (GP)	8
Ethical and Civic Responsibility (EC)	9
People and the Environment (PE)	10

*These five MnTC Goals have been identified as Riverland Community College Disciplines.

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NOTE: The Minnesota Transfer Curriculum “10 Goal Areas of Emphasis” are reflected in the five required discipline areas and five core themes noted in the Riverland Community College program of study guide and/or college catalog.