

GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY  
College of Business and Public Administration

**COURSE TITLE:** Legal Environment of Administration  
**SESSION:** Fall 1992  
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**TEXTBOOK:** The Legal Environment of Business, 3rd edition  
by Allison & Prentice, published by Dryden

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**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of this course, the student is able to:

1. Understand the American legal system and its function of dispute resolution.
2. Understand the role of government in regulating the relationship between the organization and its employees, customers/clients, competitors, and society at large.
3. Recognize the applicability of the principles discussed to personal and/or career uses.

**EXAMS**

Two hour exams (100 pts. each) and a final (200 pts.). Exams may consist of essay and/or objective questions.

**GRADING**

Legal principles "live" through their application to factual situations. Understanding the law in a substantive area requires not only learning principles but also applying them to real world situations. The exams will weight knowledge of principles and their application equally.

The standard 90-80-70-60- grading scale will be applied to the highest score on each exam and to the total of highest scores for the course.

(For example) High Score on exam = 90  
Grading Scale     A = 81-90  
                          B = 72-80  
                          C = 63-71  
                          D = 54-62

Experience indicates the following approximate grading scale for the course based on 400 possible points:

A = 85% and above  
B = 75-84%  
C = 65-74%  
D = 55-64%  
F = less than 55%

Students will be evaluated as follows:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Principles</u>	<u>Application</u>
A	Superior	Superior
B	Above average Average Superior	Above average Superior Average
C	Average Above average Below average	Average Below average Above average
D	Marginal	Marginal
F	Unacceptable	Unacceptable

SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNMENTS

<u>WEEK OF</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>PROBLEMS</u>
8-31	Ethics	7	
	Nature & Sources of Law	1	1,3,4,5,6,7,8
9-7	Courts & Their Power	2	1,3,5,6,8
9-14	Dispute Resolution	3	3,5,7,8
	Common & Statutory Law	4	2,4,6,8
9-21	Constitutional Law	5	1-10
9-28	<b>EXAM #1</b>	<b>(Chapters 7, 1-5)</b>	
10-5	Contracts & Sales	8	1-10
10-12	Contracts & Sales (cont'd)		
	Torts	9	1-10
10-19	Product Liability	10	1-10
	Business Torts & Crimes	11	2,4,5
10-26	Agency & Business Organizations	12	1-8
	Administrative Agencies	6	2,3,4,6,7
11-2	<b>EXAM #2</b>	<b>(Chapters 8-12)</b>	
11-9	Employment Law - Safety & Security	17	1,2,3,7,8,10
11-16	Employment Law - Discrimination	18	1-10
11-23	Labor-Management Relations	19	2,4,8,10
11-30	Environmental Protection	20	1-10
	Consumer Protection	21	1-10
12-7	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	<b>(Comprehensive)</b>	