

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Business Law I

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** BUS 2530

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will study and examine the legal environment of business using the case method in which law is applied to factual situations. In BUS 2530, students study court systems and procedural law, tort and criminal law, constitutional law, and contract law. In BUS 2540, students study the law related to personal property and bailments, real property, secured transactions and bankruptcy, business structure including partnerships and corporations, and the Uniform Commercial Code.

**Prerequisite/Corequisite:** ENG 1530.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Explain, describe, and evaluate the basics of the American legal system in general and to business law in particular; demonstrate an ability to apply the legal method (the process being as important as the substance) to cases and controversies in society particularly as they effect business; demonstrate how lawyers and judges approach and solve complicated social and economic problems; demonstrate an understanding of basic legal concepts which will enable them to become better citizens and businesspersons.
  2. Cite and quote relevant sections of the US Constitution and demonstrate a basic understanding of the structure of the constitution as it effects society in general and business in particular.
  3. Explain the difference between law and equity and demonstrate an ability to apply these basic concepts to torts including intentional torts, negligence, and special business torts.
  4. Explain the basic rules of the common law (as well as equity) of contracts as well as the rules of the Uniform Commercial Code and demonstrate an ability to apply them to cases and controversies in contracts as well as in cases and controversies involving negotiable instruments.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Law and equity
  - Sources of law
  - Common law and civil law
  - Adversarial system and the Inquisitorial system
  - Courts and court systems
  - Constitutional law
  - Criminal law
  - Torts
  - Contract law
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
    - [Civility Statement](#)
    - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
    - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
  - [Accessibility Services](#)

Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
  - [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
  - [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
  - Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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  - Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2021