

Legal Environment
University of Missouri Science & Technology
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Course Syllabus

Tuesday: 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
<http://www.mst.edu/~canisr/legalenvironment>

Notice to Students with Disabilities

If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, you are strongly encouraged to meet with me early in the semester. You will need to request that the Disability Services staff send a letter to me verifying your disability and specifying the accommodation you will need before I can arrange your accommodation. More information is available here: <http://dss.mst.edu>

Prerequisites

Senior or graduate standing.

Course Description

Study of the effect of the legal environment on the decisions which the engineering manager must make. The course investigates the social forces that produced this environment and the responsibilities incumbent upon the engineer.

Course Textbook

Legal Environment: Business Law and Business Entities by Brian J. Halsey, June McLaughlin (2011)
ISBN: 978-0-7355-6810-5

Contact Information

As the course will be taught via video teleconference, I will have no formal office hours. However, subject to the availability of the video conferencing equipment, I will be available before and after class to answer questions.

I am available at my office (314) 684-6616, at home (636) 728-1187, and through e-mail at canisr@mst.edu.

Class Format

This class will have three types of students; ECC students that are physically in the classroom, Campus students that are participating with two-way video in a classroom at the Rolla campus and Internet students that will view the class using real-time streaming video delivered over the Internet. These students will also participate in class discussions and presentations by toll-free telephone connections and/or WebEx.

Important Links

Class Website: <http://www.mst.edu/~canisr/legalenvironment>

All of the reading materials and course assignments will be posted on the class website.

Important Phone Numbers

Tel: 314-684-6616 -- My office phone number

Tel: 636-728-1187 -- My home phone number

Class Preparation

Before we meet each Tuesday evening, you should download and print out the handouts. You should also regularly check the class website for updates to the schedule and handouts. Finally, have the book and lecture materials in front of you during the lectures to follow along and take notes.

Course Grading

Weight	Graded Work
25%	Examination 1
25%	Examination 2
25%	Final Examination
10%	Group Written Report
10%	Group Oral Presentation
5%	Attendance and Participation

I reserve the right to curve final grades higher on an individual and classroom basis. Please note that the Academic Alert system may be used to issue a warning when warranted. More information about the system is available here: <http://academicalert.mst.edu/>

Reading Assignments

Course readings are listed per day on the schedule link of the above course website. Make sure to read the material prior to the start of class.

Examinations

All examinations are mandatory and will be posted on the class website. Late examinations may be penalized ten percent (10%) per day, unless prior arrangements have been made.

Class Attendance and Lateness

Unless you have made prior arrangements with me, you must attend class according to the registered course type. In addition, you may be counted late if you are not present at the start, end, or during class. Students that are unexcused for 2 or more classes may be dropped from the class or have their final grade reduce by a letter grade at the discretion of the instructor.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic Dishonesty is subject to the rules in the Academic Regulations available at <http://registrar.mst.edu/academicregs/>.

Participation

I cannot possibly listen to myself talk for 2½ hours. Thus, I will have active and lively classroom discussions. I will not only ask you about facts and rules, but we will often ask your thoughts on cases and issues.

Course Schedule

The topic and their respective dates are posted on the course website but are subject to change. Please check the scheduling section for the most up to date information.

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