Administrative Unit: Business Administration Department
Course Prefix and Number: MGMT 265
Course Title: Business Law I
Number of: Credit Hours: 3  Lecture Hours: 3  Laboratory Hours: 0
Catalog Description: Fundamental principles of law relating to business activity and the court systems. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing.
Prerequisite(s)/Corequisite(s): Sophomore standing.
Text(s): Most current editions of the following:
Ashcroft, Janet. Law for Business. West Publishing.
Course Objectives:
• To explore the legal process and reasoning.
• To explore the law, the constitutional aspects of law and business, criminal and tort law, contracts, and agency law.
• To explore the various forms of legal business organizations, the requirements, and the characteristics.
Measurable Learning Outcomes:
• Identify the different courts that make up the federal and state court systems and be able to describe the jurisdiction of both the federal and state courts.
• Understand the role of common law and precedent in shaping the law of the United States.
• Understand general constitutional principles and clauses, including separation of powers, federalism, the Equal Protection Clause, the Commerce Clause, and the 4th Amendment.
• Identify and understand the four requirements of a contract.
• Understand the concepts of agency law, including the duties owed by agents to their principals and the liability of principals and agents to third parties with whom they do business.
• Describe the different business organization models within the U.S. and be able to describe the organization and operation of partnerships and
corporations.

- Identify the elements of a negligence claim and understand the principles of causation and comparative fault.
- Understand the difference between a civil claim and criminal prosecution as well as the differences between the civil and criminal law systems in the U.S.

Topical Outline (major areas of coverage):

- Foundations of American Law
- Crimes and Torts
- Contracts
- Agency Law
- Business Organizations

Every Business Administration course includes a written and oral presentation component.

Recommended maximum class size for this course: 35

Library Resources: Online databases are available at http://www.ccis.edu/offices/library/resources.asp. You may access them from off-campus using your eServices login and password when prompted.

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NOTE: The intention of the master syllabus is to provide an outline of the contents of this course, as specified by the faculty of Columbia College, regardless of who teaches the course, when it is taught or where it is taught. Faculty members teaching this course for Columbia College are expected to facilitate learning pursuant to the course objectives and cover the subjects listed in the topical outline. However, instructors are also encouraged to cover additional topics of interest so long as those topics are relevant to the course’s subject. The master syllabus is, therefore, prescriptive in nature but also allows for a diversity of individual approaches to course material.