Course Syllabus

COURSE: ACCT 3130
THE LEGAL, SOCIAL, POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF BUSINESS TERM: Spring 2019
SECTIONS: 503

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Required Texts (and Related Materials):

TEXT: "The Legal, Social, Political, Environment Of Business - Basic Elements" 1st Edition
by Moore & Morgan

The Textbook is mandatory and all students must bring a hard copy of the text to class. The text also includes an access code for online quizzes. Important information about the online material should be read first and is at:

www.BVTStudents.com

Class Code is 227D39

1. Course Overview
This course will use the traditional lecture, Socratic questioning and essay test method of teaching and testing. These techniques have been historically and repeatedly tested and proven to be effective not only in the transfer of information but also for teaching and developing the skills of critical thinking, critical analysis, and persuasive writing skills. These techniques further insuring long term retention and learning of facts and information.

Unlike most courses taught in a professional school that teach skills and techniques, this course in primarily educational. That is, it’s purpose is not to teach you how to be lawyers, but to understand business in the context of it’s legal environment, and to give the student a legal knowledge base of information to guide and use with the business skills that they have been taught in the operation or management of a business.

2. Course Policies
After the first week of class, students are expected to read text assignments before class and take the quiz for that chapter The student should be prepared to discuss issues raised in the text. Each
student will be responsible for class participation.

**Class Attendance**

*Failure to attend class will be treated as non-participation and result in a loss of up to 20 points from final grade.* Allowable absences

MW – 7 absences

*You do not have to email the Professor to notify him of class absence. As long as you are within your class limit you are ok.* If an emergency pushes you over the limit, then you should contact me with your documentation of the emergency at the end of the course.

Absences for which there is a university approved excuse will not be counted against class attendance.

All other excuses, including medical excuses, **may** be considered, but will not prevent a student from losing points for excessive absences. Students will begin to lose points off their final grade equal to one [1.5] points per HOUR of class missed after 7 in MW class.

The professor will only tabulate attendance after the final exam. **EACH STUDENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING HIS or HER OWN ATTENDANCE RECORD.**

**Academic Integrity and Cheating:**

Any student found with unauthorized notes, copying from other students, or any other act of cheating will given a grade of F and will be reported to the Dean' office.

Expectations for academic integrity and student conduct are described in detail on the website of the Office of Student Judicial and Ethical Affairs (http://saweb.memphis.edu/judicialaffairs). Please take a look, in particular, at the sections about "Academic Dishonesty" and "Student Code of Conduct and Responsibilities." I expect students to be aware of these guidelines and to conduct themselves accordingly.

“Note that using a “Solutions Manual” is considered cheating. Should your professor have evidence that using a “Solutions Manual” has occurred, he/she may take steps as described on the campus’ Office of Student Conduct website.”

**3. Grading and Evaluation Criteria and Final Course Grades:**

There is no final exam, the students grade will be based upon class quizzes, a midterm and an end of term essay exam, plus bonus points and will be calculated as follows.

- **Quizzes 90**
- **Intro Bonus Introduction 5**
- **Video Bonus Discussion 5**
- **Exams 200 Total Possible**
- **Points 300**

Your final grade will be determined taking your final point total and dividing by 3 as follows:

- **A = 90 - 100**
- **B = 80 - 89**
- **C = 70 - 79**
D = 60 - 69
F = Below 60
I DO NOT USE A +/- GRADING SCALE. **Exams:**
There will be two exams worth 100 points each.

**Quizzes:**
Will be due prior to the class lecture on the chapter. The quizzes are at: [www.BVTLab.com](http://www.BVTLab.com)
Go to this site and enter the code which you will be given when you buy your textbook. The quizzes will open and close on the dates shown on the site. You must take the exams during this period.

**Bonus:**
I want to get to know as many of my students as possible. It also maximizes your online experience if you learn about each other. In the forum during the first week of class I would like you to briefly write something about yourself. Explain what your major is, your future plans, etc. in the forum. You will get **5 bonus points** for writing about yourself in the forum. **This must be done by March 15, 2019.**

An important aspect of the learning experience is classroom interaction and discussion. In an online class, this is accomplished through the discussion in the Forum area. The Forum is also where you should ask questions about chapter assignments, etc. and assist other students. It is also where you will discuss your assignment answer.

**Video**
A video link will be placed in the Forum and will be viewed in connection with chapter 8. The student will watch the video and then post on the forum a brief discussion of some aspect that you found interesting or did not know. It should be at least four lines in length. **You will get an additional 5 points for this.** It is due by April 15, 2019.

**THERE ARE NO PRE-EXAM REVIEW OR STUDY SHEETS**
Review and the creation of notes is the sole purpose of class attendance and will be done on a daily basis. The student is strongly encouraged to ask questions or make comments immediately as they arise in class as others may have that same issue in mind.

**Makeup Exams and Penalties**
Makeup exams or reopening of quizzes will be given only for major medical or personal emergencies at the instructor's discretion. There will be only one makeup given for all classes and the student must arrange to take the exam at that time. Failure to take the makeup with result in a grade of zero for that test.
10 points will be deductive from any makeup exam grade and 2 points from any late quiz.

**4. First and Final Exam Schedule**
1st Exam March 20, 2019
5. Course Topics

First Exam Topics
Chapter 1. Foundations of Ethics and Modern Society
" 2. U.S. Constitution
" 3. Constitutional Law and Business Regulations
" 4. Administrative Law and Governmental Regulations

Second Exam Topics
" 5. Environmental Regulations
" 6. Security Regulations
" 7. Torts, Introduction and Intentional Torts
" 8. Negligence and Strict Liability
" 9. Franchises

6. Fogelman College: Learning Outcomes for Your Degree

The Fogelman College has established the following learning goals for all students successfully completing the BBA degree:

• Graduates will be effective communicators.
• Graduates will demonstrate critical thinking skills.
• Graduates will be knowledgeable about ethical factors in the business environment.
• Graduates will be knowledgeable about the global business environment.
• Graduates will be proficient users of business presentation and analysis technology.

Additional goals for BBA-Accounting only:

Addition learning goals for students who successfully complete the BBA in Accounting degree:

• Graduates will demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of financial and managerial accounting concepts.
• Graduates will demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of systems and auditing concepts.
• Graduates will demonstrate a satisfactory understanding of U.S. tax laws and regulations related to financial reporting.

7. Pre-Requisites/Co-Requisites:

A prerequisite and upper division check will be done once the first class roll has been issued. You must meet the following requirements to be in any 3000-4000 level business course: Any
student seeking a degree in the Fogelman College of Business must: (1) have completed all
required lower division Business Administration courses with a minimum grade of "C" in each.
(2) have a minimum quality point average of 2.25 (ACCT majors 2.5) in all required lower
division courses and Math 1312. (3) have accumulated 55 hours of course work including the
required 9 semester hours of English. Non-business majors must have junior or senior standing
and have been permitted to take this course by their department or college.

If you have not met these requirements, it is your responsibility to correct the situation during
the official add period. If you have not met these requirements and have not corrected this
situation, you may be administratively dropped.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID NOTICE A major change has been made within the Federal
student financial aid system. Beginning Fall 2011, a new federal law requires that students
receiving financial aid who are registered for any classes on the first day of classes are
considered to be attending classes and will have their financial aid award debited for those
classes.

8. Student Services
Please access the FCBE Student Services page for information about:

   Students with Disabilities
   Tutoring and other Academic Assistance
   Advising Services for Fogelman Students
   Technical Assistance