# Minnesota State University Moorhead

# **ACCT 306: Contracts and Business Entities**

## A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 2

Lecture Hours/Week: 2

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites: This course requires the following prerequisite ACCT 280 - Legal Environment of Business

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Study of contracts, agency and business organizations (including all forms of partnerships, corporations and limited liability companies).

#### B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/13/2022 - Present

## C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

- 1. Agency, including formation, duties, liability, and termination
- 2. Business Organizations including sole proprietorships, partnerships (all forms), limited liability companies, and corporations
- 3. Contracts, including formation, the Statute of Frauds, third party rights, performance, defenses, breach and damages.
- 4. Corporate formation, financing and governance, including business combinations.

#### **D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)**

- 1. Analyze the terms of different contracts and compliance with the principles of contract law, including formation, Statute of Frauds, third party rights, performance, defenses, breach remedies and damages.
- 2. Evaluate different contractual provisions to accomplish specific business goals.
- 3. Apply basic concepts of contract negotiation, drafting and review.
- 4. Evaluate the legal and equitable remedies available to a non-breaching party to a contract.
- 5. Understand the differences between common law contracts and contracts under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 6. Evaluate whether a legal agency relationship has been created or terminated between two parties.
- 7. Analyze whether an agent or principal has breached a legal duty and their resulting legal liabilities.
- 8. Evaluate the legal and business consequences for business owners of operating as sole proprietors, partnerships (all forms), limited liability companies, or corporations.
- 9. Analyze the processes for formally establishing different types of business entities.
- 10. Apply the principles of corporate formation, financing and governance, including business combinations.
- 11. Analyze the impact of business and personal ethics and social responsibility on society.
- 12. Improve verbal and written communication skills by analyzing legal and ethical issues.

#### E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

# F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

## **G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted