

# Minnesota State University Moorhead

## CM 470: Construction Law

### A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 2

Lecture Hours/Week: 2

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: \*.\*

Prerequisites:

CM 370 - Construction Documents and Specifications

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

An in-depth study emphasizing the legal issues and ramifications involved in the implementation and management of contracts, specifications, and other construction documents. Other issues, strictly related to the construction industry, will be discussed including labor laws, unions, and the rights and responsibilities of the contracting parties.

**B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES:** 02/02/2017 - Present

### C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Introduction to the Law, the Judicial System and Contract formation
2. The Prime Contract
3. Bids, Proposals and Mistakes in Bids and Contract Changes
4. Breaches of Contract and Different Site Conditions
5. Construction Contract Claims
6. Constructive Acceleration
7. Delays, Suspensions and Terminations and Liquidated Damages, Force Majeure, and Time Extensions
8. Dispute Resolution
9. Documentation and Records
10. EEOC
11. Insurance Contracts
12. Joint Venture Agreements
13. Purchase Orders and Subcontract Agreements
14. Rules of Contract Interpretation - Key or Red Flag Clauses
15. Surety Bonds

### D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Know basic legal terms and rules of law, how to interpret and understand construction contracts, and have a general understanding of the construction contracting process.
2. Obtain a general understanding of complexity of the legal problems that can arise before, during, and after the construction of a construction project; and understand the role that careful legal planning plays in anticipating and minimizing construction problems.

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

None

**F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT**

As noted on course syllabus

**G. SPECIAL INFORMATION**

None noted