

Minnesota State University Moorhead

ACCT 280: Legal Environment of Business

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Introduction to the American legal system, legal and regulatory environment of business, ethics and social responsibility, contracts, agency, and business organizations.

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

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Business legal environment, entities and processes
2. U.S. Court System including constitutional and international legal systems
3. Civil and criminal legal systems contrasts and similarities
4. Debtor, consumer and environmental legalities
5. Antitrust laws
6. Report and evaluate a legal action in court
7. Ethical systems

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Analyze Constitutional, State, Federal and international legal influences on business and individuals in the United States.
2. Analyze the basics of the U.S. legal system, including crimes, torts and contracts.
3. Evaluate potential legal issues in the business environment.
4. Analyze the legal and court processes in the United States.
5. Attend, report and evaluate a court proceeding.
6. Analyze and apply the basic requirements for contracts.
7. Evaluate different legal entities for doing business, such as partnerships and corporations.
8. Analyze legal issues in consumer, discrimination, employment and labor laws.
9. Differentiate the different types of property (personal, real and intellectual).
10. Analyze the impact of business and personal ethics and social responsibility on society.
11. Analyze basic differences between domestic and international legal environments and the impact of digitalization on legal processes.
12. Demonstrate and improve effective written and verbal 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