

## BUAD 310: Legal Environment of Business (April 2011)

### Course Catalog Description:

A one semester survey course of legal issues affecting individuals and businesses. Topics covered include dispute resolution, contract law, torts, agency law, and laws governing the creation, operation, and termination of business organizations. Various public law topics will be examined, as well as principles of international law, and theoretical considerations.

### General Course Objectives:

This course presents an analysis of the roots and current development of the law as it applies to American business society. Through a combination of essay and objective exams, students will show a basic understanding of the development of the American legal tradition as it applies to the free-market business economy.

### Specific Course Objectives:

- 1) Through combinations of both broad and brief essays, and answers to objective exam questions, students will review the foundations of the American legal tradition with references to:
  - Theories of Western Jurisprudence:
    - Western philosophical foundations.
    - Historical evolution of common law, constitutional law, and the precedent legal system.
  - The differences between statutory and administrative law.
- 2) In discussing the common law, constitutional law and the review of the American legal tradition, ethics is discussed in each section to show it is a fundamental element of the legal structure.
- 3) Through both broad and brief essays, and answers to objective exam questions the student will indicate the role of important precedent cases in establishing both Contract and Product Liability Law, and perhaps other important aspects of business law such as Employment Law, or Agency law.