PREREQUISITES:
University Requisite: not COB and (sophomore or junior or senior)

COURSE OVERVIEW:
Conceptual approach to origin, nature, structure, functions, and procedures of law, with study of corporate responsibility and ethics and introduction to constitutional, administrative, criminal, tort, product liability, contractual, international, property, agency, partnership, corporation, and employment law including equal opportunity.

METHODS OF COURSE INSTRUCTION:
All material for this course is print-based. Instructor and students communicate and exchange materials through postal mail.

E-PRINT OPTION:
In this course, an option exists to use e-mail to submit your lesson assignments. Your assignment will be returned to you either as an e-mail attachment or as a hard copy sent through the postal mail, depending on the preferences of the instructor and/or program.

TEXTBOOKS AND SUPPLIES:

NUMBER OF LESSONS:
The course has 14 lessons, including one midcourse examination and final examination. These lessons include:

- Lesson 1: Introduction to Law and Court Systems
- Lesson 2: Litigation
- Lesson 3: Constitutional Foundations; Administrative Law
- Lesson 4: Torts; Negligence and Strict Liability; Criminal Law
- Lesson 5: Introduction to Contracts; The Agreement: Offer and Acceptance
- Lesson 6: Bargained-For Consideration; Contractual Capacity and Genuine Assent
- Lesson 7: Midcourse Examination Information
- Lesson 8: Forms and Interpretation of Contracts; Contract Performance, Nonperformance, and Discharge
- Lesson 9: Contract Rights of Third Parties; Illegality and Public Policy
- Lesson 10: Basic Principles of Agency; Agency Liability Concepts
- Lesson 11: Employment and Labor Law; Employment Discrimination
TYPES OF WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:
At the end of each regular lesson in the course (Lessons 1–6 and 8–13), there is a writing assignment consisting of questions similar to those at the end of the textbook chapters. Some questions require you to define a term or concept, others are problems that require you to identify and apply legal principles. Some questions require a short paragraph demonstrating your understanding of particular content in a textbook chapter.

Read each question carefully, and be sure that you have covered all parts of the question, including the legal reasoning if needed. Use your textbook, rereading it as much as is necessary to answer the question properly.

GRADING CRITERIA:
Each examination will be given a letter grade (A–F), but the lesson assignments will be graded as S+, S, S–, or U (S = satisfactory; U = unsatisfactory). Your final grade will be weighted as follows:

- Lesson Assignments (12) . . . . . . . . 1/3
- Midcourse Examination . . . . . . . . . 1/3
- Final Examination . . . . . . . . . . . . 1/3