

COURSE OUTLINE

BMGT-152

Business Law II

3 Semester Hours

HOWARD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Description

This course will provide students with an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of the study of law and its impact on business. Students will continue to build upon their analytical, writing and vocabulary skills as they relate to business and the law. Instruction will focus on case studies dealing with agency and employment law, real and personal property, bailments, wills and estates, negotiable instruments, and the three major forms of business organization – sole proprietorship, partnership and corporation. The knowledge and skills are valuable for students interested in pursuing a career in business, human resources, management, alternative dispute resolution, sales, entrepreneurship, law, real estate, and banking. Prerequisite: BMGT 151 (3 hours weekly).

Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Analyze complex cases and effectively articulate legal issues, both orally and in writing.
2. Compare and contrast the various forms of business ownership, including formation, operation and dissolution of sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations.
3. Distinguish between real and personal property, bailments, wills and trusts, and landlord/tenant.
4. Discuss essential elements of an agency relationship, as well as the duties and liabilities of the parties.
5. Define concepts and principles of negotiable instruments and their application.
6. Define basic business legal terminology.
7. Describe the fundamental aspects of employment law.
8. Discuss current trends in the business law environment.

Major Topics

- I. Agency and Employment Law
 - A. Agency – Creation, Duties, and Termination
 - B. Liability of the Parties
 - C. Employment Laws
- II. Business Organizations
 - A. Choice of Organization
 - B. Sole Proprietorship
 - C. Partnership
 - D. Corporation
- III. Property
 - A. Personal Property
 - B. Real Property
 - C. Bailments
 - D. Landlord and Tenant
 - E. Estates and Trusts
 - F. Insurance

- IV. Commercial Paper
 - A. Negotiable Instruments
 - B. Negotiation
 - C. Holder in Due Course
 - D. Liabilities

Course Requirements

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures and assignments will be determined by the individual faculty member. Minimally, assignments will include: two (2) exams, two (2) writing assignments, at least one of which will involve legal research, class participation in the form of Socratic dialogue, and case analysis and legal briefing

Other Requirements: Class attendance is imperative and will be strongly considered in calculating student's final grade.

Other Course Information

This course is a business elective.