



## Southern Arkansas University Tech

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## ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

**Course Number:** GBUS2003

**Course Title:** Legal Environment of Business

**Course Description:** A history of law and the legal environment is followed by a study of contract law and its effects upon society, business and individuals. Topics covered include consideration, capacity to contract, sales contracts, bailments, commercial paper, employer and employee relationships, landlord and tenant relationships, and wills and inheritances.

**Instructor:** Jodi Eppinette, James Brown

### **Instructor Bio**

Mrs. Jodi Eppinette has taught business and computer science courses as a faculty member at SAU Tech since 1984. M.Ed. Southern Arkansas University; B.S.E. Southern Arkansas University

Mr. James Brown has taught business and economics courses as a faculty member at SAU Tech since 2010. MBA Louisiana Tech University; BS University of Arkansas at Monticello.

**Prerequisite:** Eligible for Composition I

### **Textbook Information**

*Law for Business*, 17th Edition, Ashcroft and Ashcroft, South-Western Publishing Company. ISBN: 9780324786538.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

1. Students will describe the judicial system and the judicial process of the United States.
2. Students will distinguish between legal and illegal contracts, capacity to contract, and contract termination according to the UCC.
3. Students will state formalities associated with sales contracts, and negotiable instruments.
4. Students will identify bailments as defined by the UCC.
5. Students will identify employment rights and duties.
6. Students will define and interpret landlord-tenant relationships according to the UCC.
7. Students will identify and interpret the laws that affect wills and inheritances.
8. Students will be able to identify the distinctions of Product Warranties.
9. Students will collaborate to evaluate and submit a case analysis.

### **On-Campus Requirement**

The final exam for this course must be taken at an approved proctor site.

### **Modes of Interaction**

1. Students should follow the suggested schedule as closely as possible. However, **\*ABSOLUTE DEADLINES\*** must be met (No excuses, No exceptions) in order to receive credit for that work. The Deadlines are not suggestions. On the day of the ABSOLUTE DEADLINE all Assignments and Quizzes for the Unit due by that DEADLINE must be submitted by 2:00 p.m.
2. Students must complete all chapter assignments listed in the Assignments feature of Blackboard prior to taking the corresponding Quiz for that chapter. All Chapter Quizzes for the chapters included in each Unit must be completed prior to taking the Unit Exam. You will **NOT** receive credit for a Unit Exam if it is accessed before the Assignments and Quizzes for that chapter are completed. A **Zero** will be recorded for that Exam. If the Quiz or Exam falls on an ABSOLUTE DEADLINE, the assignments and quizzes are due by 2:00 p.m. that day in order to give the instructor time to grade them before the Exams are accessed. Watching your time is very important when taking any of the Unit Exams. **You will be penalized one point for each minute that you exceed the allotted time for a Unit Exam and the Final Exam.** Make sure you watch your time because the computer will record your start and end time for that particular Unit Exam. The Final Exam for this course is required to be taken at an approved proctored test site.
3. Students must contact the instructor to report any technical or personal issues that may prevent reasonable and satisfactory progress in the course. However, instructors are not responsible for solving technical problems related to personal computers or software. SAU Tech maintains an information hotline for its Internet courses. This number is 1-870-574-4526. Information regarding any technical problems with the SAU Tech web site or courses will be recorded. You may also contact the Director of Web-Based Learning at 870-574-4453 or 870- 574-4514.

4. Students may respond to the suggested topics for discussion listed on the Learning Guide for each chapter. If a topic has already received response, students may choose to reply to these answers rather than respond to the original question or comment. Extra credit may be awarded for discussion posting and participation.
5. Students must complete each corresponding chapter assignment listed in the assignment feature of Blackboard prior to taking the corresponding chapter quiz. Each corresponding chapter quiz must be completed prior to completing a unit exam. Scores from exams taken prior to submitting corresponding assignments **will not** be accepted.
6. Students must take the comprehensive final exam for this course at an approved proctored test site. Failure to do so will result in a "0" for this exam. Visit the school website at <http://www.sautech.edu> for a list of the approved sites or see the announcement section of My Blackboard. Students may not use class notes and textbooks during the Final Exam. Electronic, printed, or hand-written copies of course exams may not be used during the Final exam.
7. Students should save electronic copies of all work submitted in the course. In the past, there have been occasions when student submissions were not received by the instructor. Please SAVE all work.
8. Students are not allowed incomplete grades for Internet courses.
9. Students must initiate the drop process. It is not my practice to drop students from my course. Dropping a class is the responsibility of the student. However, please contact the instructor to determine your class standing prior to initiating the drop process.
10. Students must remain in contact with the instructor throughout the course. Satisfactory contact can be accomplished through weekly submissions of assignments, quizzes, exams and e mails.
11. Students must show reasonable and satisfactory progress toward completing the required coursework throughout the semester. Progress is considered to be unsatisfactory when the student has fallen more than two weeks behind the suggested deadlines listed on the course calendar.

### Methods of Assessment

1. There will be nine Unit exams given during the semester. The format of Unit exams will be multiple choice and true/false questions and will be valued at 75 points. Additionally, there will be one short answer question for each Unit Exam to which students must respond. This question will be valued at 25 points. (900 points possible)
2. Quizzes for each chapter are available on the textbook student support web site. They are designed to help students prepare for unit exams. To use these study tools the following web site should be accessed: <http://ashcroft.westbuslaw.com/>. Select Interactive Quizzes from the listing in the upper left portion of the screen and the appropriate chapter. Five points will be awarded for each quiz completed. Please send a copy of your quizzes to your instructor by keying the instructor's e-mail address found in this syllabus when it is requested. There are 27 quizzes. (135 points possible)
3. Students will collaborate to submit one "Group" case analysis from Chapter 19 during the semester. Students should discuss the cases selected through the discussion feature of the course, or through in-course e-mail. The instructor must also receive each discussion posting and e-mail so that group participation can be evaluated. When students have elected to join a case study group, the group leader should notify the instructor which case has been selected and which class members will be participating in that case evaluation. No more than five students may participate in one group. Points will be awarded to each member of the group on the basis of grammar, spelling, punctuation, content, and group participation. (50 points possible)
4. Students will earn points by completing the chapter assignments, unit cases, and summary cases listed in the Assignments portion of the course. Each must be answered completely, adequately elaborated, well phrased, and grammatically and typographically correct to receive the maximum score. Twenty seven chapters will be covered. Chapter and unit assignments will be valued as follows: Chapter Questions.5 points, Case Problems.5 points, and Summary Cases.5 points. (265 points possible)
5. The Final Exam is required to be taken at an approved Proctored test site. Failure to do so will result in a "0" for this exam. Visit our website at [www.sautech.edu](http://www.sautech.edu) for a list of the approved sites or see the announcement section of my Blackboard. (700 points possible).

### Enrollment Procedures:

SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:

- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A \$10 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

**Admissions Office Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx>

**Course Registration Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>

**Technical Requirements and Resources:** Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

**Library Website:** <http://www.sautech.edu/lrc/index.aspx>

**Bookstore Website:** <http://sautech.textbooktech.com>

**Adult Learner Resources:** Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

**Student Support and Learning Resources:** Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at <http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx>.

#### Other Considerations

Collaborative assignment required.

Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s). The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech. To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things. Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).

- **Microsoft Word** – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
  - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
  - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
  - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at <http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976>
- **Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher** – used to read files in pdf format
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>
- **Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher)** – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from [http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1\\_Prod\\_Version=ShockwaveFlash](http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=ShockwaveFlash)
- **Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1** – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?>
- **Windows Media Player** – used to listen play audio files
  - Cost: Free
  - Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- **Java** – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.**)
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from <http://javashopl.m.sun.com/ECOM/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre->
- **Real One Player** – used to view video clips
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from [http://forms.real.com/netzip/getrde5\\_new\\_look.html?h=207.188.7.150&f=windows/RealOnePlayerGold.exe&p=RealOne+Player&jre=false&tagtype=ie&type=dl](http://forms.real.com/netzip/getrde5_new_look.html?h=207.188.7.150&f=windows/RealOnePlayerGold.exe&p=RealOne+Player&jre=false&tagtype=ie&type=dl)