

**BUS 200  
LAW & SOCIETY  
COURSE OUTLINE**

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DEPARTMENT: Academic Programs

CURRICULUM: Associate of Arts - Business

COURSE TITLE: Law & Society

COURSE NUMBER: BUS 200

TYPE OF COURSE: Academic Transfer  
Special Requirement Met: None

AREA(S) OF KNOWLEDGE: None

COURSE LENGTH: 1 quarter

CREDIT HOURS: 5

LECTURE HOURS: 55

LAB HOURS: 0

CLASS SIZE: 35

PREREQUISITES: None

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course is an introduction to the American Legal System. There are many definitions of what law is; however, most definitions define law as a means by which society promotes, protects, and punishes behavior. More specifically for this course students will be studying how law regulates: (1) Governmental Action; (2) Civil Liberties; (3) Crimes against Society and Persons; and (4) Civil Causes of Action between individuals.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES – skills and abilities that result from the course

1. Experiment with critical thinking processes.
2. Define and Test basic legal concepts: constitutional, criminal, and civil law.
3. Identify, Explain, and Apply legal terminology in the above areas, correctly.
4. Recognize ethical conduct of actors in the legal system, including legal implications for breaching their duties.
5. Analyze legal problems and questions, and Create a reasonable legal conclusion based on the proper Identification of legal principles.

COURSE CONTENT:

- Introduction to law, sources of law and legal thinking.
- Introduction to the case law method of learning
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Civil Law: Torts, Property, Contracts, and Intellectual Property
- Civil Procedure
- Legal Writing

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

APPROX. HOURS

1.	Foundations of Law	3
2.	Structure of American Government and Legal System	3
3.	Ethics	2
4.	The Court Process	4
5.	The Constitution	4
6.	Criminal Law & Procedure	5
7.	Tort Law	10
8.	Contract Law	10
9.	Property Law	5
10.	Intellectual Property	5
11.	Legal Writing	4

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SLO #	Included in Course Objective Number	SSCC Student Learning Outcomes
SLO 1.1	1	Communication - Read and listen actively
SLO 1.2	1	Communication - Speak and write effectively
SLO 2.1		Computation - Use mathematical operations
SLO 2.2		Computation - Apply quantitative skills
SLO 2.3		Computation - Identify, interpret, and utilize higher level mathematical and cognitive skills
SLO 3.1		Human Relations - Use social interactive skills to work in groups effectively
SLO 3.2		Human Relations - Recognize the diversity of cultural influences and values
SLO 4.1	2	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving -
SLO 5.1		Technology - Select and use appropriate technological tools
SLO 6.1	4	Personal Responsibility - Be motivated and able to continue learning and adapt to change
SLO 6.2		Personal Responsibility - Value one's own skills, abilities, ideas and art
SLO 6.3		Personal Responsibility - Take pride in one's work
SLO 6.4		Personal Responsibility - Manage personal health and safety
SLO 6.5	1, 2	Personal Responsibility - Be aware of civic and environmental issues
SLO 7.1	3	Information Literacy - Access and evaluate information
SLO 7.2		Information Literacy - Use information to achieve personal, academic, and career goals, as well as to participate in a democratic society

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