

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ASIA  
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND LAW**

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**BUSINESS LEGISLATION**

**FALL 2017**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES**

The law shapes business, and business shapes the law. This course will give students knowledge of business and the economy through the lens of legislation. During the course students will learn about the history of business, international law, laws on compliance, banking systems, anti-corruption, dispute resolution and more. This class analyzes business legislation from an international perspective. Class will be a mix of lecture, case and topic discussion.

**COURSE OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this course is to provide students with a basic understanding of business legislation and their implications in an international business context. The course will consist of the study of business legislation as applied to specific regulatory issues in an international context. Students completing this course will have an understanding of the principal areas of legislation as applied to business, including how business legislation converges and diverges around the world.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Comprehend the relevance of business legislation;
- Speak intelligently about the primary legislative issues of international business;
- Improve upon legal reading comprehension;
- Understand how international law differs from domestic law;
- Understand the basic history of business legislation

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND POLICIES**

1. Class sessions are a mixture of class discussion based on the reading assignments, lecture and interactive student-focused activities (presentations, case-study analysis, etc.). Students are expected to come to classes prepared and ready to discuss the assigned materials. Students may be called on at random to discuss the assigned materials, case or hypothetical, or to perform any other tasks in furtherance of the course objectives.
2. Class participation includes participation in class that shows the student's preparation for class through either the use of and/or reference to the materials assignment that the student was assigned to read or to prepare prior to class. Class participation also includes presentations as noted in the syllabus.
3. Class attendance is required. For each unexcused absence exceeding two (2) classes, students will receive a 5% deduction from the attendance and participation grade (up to -20%).
4. Students will be on time for every class. Students regularly arriving late to any class will be marked as "absent" for that class period. For each student absence exceeding two (2) classes will receive a 5% deduction from the attendance and participation grade (up to -20%).
5. Students will submit all written assignments and homework on the "due date". The grade for late submissions will be deducted 10% for each day the assignment is late. After ten (10) days, students will be given a grade of "zero" (0) for the assignment.
6. The use of cell phones (talking, texting, etc.) during class is strictly prohibited. Students violating this policy will be given one (1) warning. A second violation of this policy will result in the student being counted absent for the class.
7. The use of any other electronic devices during class for any purpose not related to the furtherance of the class objectives is strictly prohibited. Students violating this policy will be given one (1) warning. A second violation of this policy will result in the student being counted absent for the class.
8. Students are expected to follow the AUCA ACADEMIC HONESTY code. All types of plagiarism are strictly prohibited. If a student fails to observe this requirement, the instructor may assign an "F" for the work or an "F" for the whole class, depending on the type of assignment and relevant circumstances. Students are expected to read and follow the section on the Student Academic Dishonesty of the AUCA Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct.
- 9. This syllabus is subject to change. Any changes to the syllabus will be announced in class and the updated version of the written syllabus may be found on the "e-course". It is each student's responsibility to stay informed of any changes made.**

## GRADING POLICY

The final course grade will be determined based on the following components:

Class attendance and participation	20%
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Quiz	10%
Paper	30%
Final Assignment	40%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### **GRADING CRITERIA**

A 94-100%	B- 80-83%	D+ 67-69%
A- 90-93%	C+ 77-79%	D 64-66%
B+ 87-89%	C 74-76%	D- 60-63%
B 84-86%	C- 70-73%	Failing Grade: below 60%

#### **UNDERSTANDING THE COURSE SYLLABUS**

Below is an outline of the course content. Each class session identifies the general topic to be discussed during that meeting. Required readings and homework will be posted on the "e-course" at least one week prior to class. The "e-course" may also identify "supplemental" readings that, while not required to be read, may be helpful in better understanding a particular topic or may provide a different perspective not discussed in class.

Required readings and homework, if any, are to be completed before the beginning of each class meeting (not after). Each session's lecture and discussion will be based on these materials. In order to understand the day's topic and be better prepared for discussion of the same, you will need to have read the assigned materials and completed the homework assignments.

## COURSE CONTENT

Class	Course Topic(s)
1	Introduction to Course and International Law <i>No Homework</i>
2	Business Associations (Management, Association and Regulation of Companies) <i>Class 2: 69-103, IBT; skip the following: 74-76; 78-79; 82- middle of 87; 90-91 (Broussard case); 92-93 (Nieman case); 95-97 (Dymocks case); 100-102 (McDonald's case)</i>
3	Guest Speaker: Fred Huston, introduction to Kyrgyz Legislation <i>Homework for Class 3:</i> 1) Read "A Guide to the Legal System of the KG Republic" - <a href="http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Kyrgyz1.html">http://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Kyrgyz1.html</a> 2) Review the website of the ILDO – <a href="http://www.idlo.int/">http://www.idlo.int/</a> 3) Review findings of ILDO Kyrgyzstan - <a href="http://www.idlo.int/news/highlights/legal-reform-kyrgyzstan-postcard-bishek">http://www.idlo.int/news/highlights/legal-reform-kyrgyzstan-postcard-bishek</a> ; <a href="http://www.idlo.int/news/highlights/advancing-public-engagement-rule-law-kyrgyzstan">http://www.idlo.int/news/highlights/advancing-public-engagement-rule-law-kyrgyzstan</a> <i>Prepare at least 3 questions for guest speaker Fred Huston (this will count towards participation grade)</i>
4, 5, 6	FCPA and Anti-Corruption Legislation <i>Class 4 – Read 49-58, Business Law; Read also, 10 Outrageous Bribes</i> <i>Class 5 – Garden in the Midnight, Section I-III (pages 1-27)</i> <i>Class 6 - Prepare for Quiz</i> <b>Class 6: Quiz #1</b>
7, 8	Corporate Compliance & Corporate Fraud <i>Class 7: Read A Firm-Wide Culture of Compliance</i> <i>Class 8: Read Instructor's Note on FSGO</i>
9	<b>Class 9: Paper Due (no-class)</b>
10	Corporate Governance <i>Class 10: Prepare for In-Class Exercise (see Google Classroom)</i>
11	Guest Speaker: TBD <i>Class 11 –</i> 1) <i>Read pages 1-14, Corporate Governance</i> 2) <i>Prepare at least 3 questions for guest speaker, and review guest speaker's biography (see Google Classroom for further information)</i>
12, 13	Dispute Resolution <i>Class 12 – 1-17, Varady</i> <i>Class 13 – International Dispute Resolution Reading</i> Course Review: - Discuss guest speaker - Discuss final examination - Concluding materials from class
14	No Class – Work on Final Examination
15	<b>Final Examination Due December 19, 2017, by 11:59pm</b>

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**September 19, 2017 – Homework Assignment Due**

**October 10, 2017 – Quiz**

**October 24, 2017 – Homework Assignment Due**

**October 31 – Mid-term Paper Due (no class)**

**November 7, 2017 – Fall break (no class)**

**November 28, 2017 – Homework Assignment Due**

**December 12 – Work on final examination (no class)**

**December 19 – Final examination due (no class)**

### **COURSE MATERIALS**

You will be required to read materials distributed in class or via the "e-course".