

COMMERCIAL LAW
BSAD 534, SUMMER 2017

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Course Description Commercial Law. An advanced course in business law. Law of agency, corporations and partnerships. Negotiable instruments, secured transactions, bankruptcy, and sales. This course may not be taken credit/no credit.

Credit Hours 3.

Textbooks.

- Business Law Text and Cases, 14th Edition, Custom Looseleaf, ISBN 978-1-337-44851-2.
- Mann et al., *Comprehensive Commercial Law, 2016 Statutory Supplement*, ISBN 978-1454875383.

Course Objectives

1. Acquaint you with some special topics important to business and accounting professionals: business organizations, commercial paper, secured transactions, bankruptcy, sales, securities law, and accountants' legal liability
2. Prepare you for the Regulation section of the CPA exam

Course Policies

1. I am usually very responsive to email unless I'm traveling. I will tell you ahead of time when I am unavailable so you don't get frustrated by a late response. **Sundays are one general exception-- I will answer emails sent that day on Monday.**
2. To view course material posted on the [Google Drive](#), you will need to be logged in with your Truman email. I'll generally ignore requests to access these files with other emails.
3. While the policies and dates in this syllabus are reasonably firm, I reserve the right to be flexible.

Schedule The detailed course schedule, including which cases to focus on for participation, can be found as a Google sheet [here](#). (You must be logged in with your Truman email to view.) Below is a the list of topics. The course consists of 37 modules, three midterms, and a final exam. Each module generally consists of (1) a brief lecture you'll view on Blackboard, (2) a reading assignment, and (3) homework problems to be turned in, some of which I will discuss in video on Blackboard. (There is no homework for the last module, on miscellaneous topics.)

Grading There are 1,000 points possible, scored as follows:

- Homework: 100 points
- Midterm 1: 200 points
- Midterm 2: 200 points
- Midterm 3: 200 points
- Final: 300 points

Final grades will be cut at A = 900 or more, B = 800 or more, C = 700 or more, D = less than 700.

Homework For each module, you will turn in several written homework questions. I will post videos discussing **some** of these questions, but I encourage you to try and work through all of them on your own before you view the video. You will learn commercial law by working commercial law problems on your own, and by struggling with the material as you do so. **Turn in all the questions, even the ones worked together.**

Tests Tests will be multiple choice. You are free to use your book, notes, and any resource you can find online except communicating with other people.

Students with Disabilities Students who have special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act, including accommodations with respect to testing, taking notes, class participation, or other class concerns should let me know immediately. I will work with the office of Services for Individuals with Disabilities to accommodate special needs.

Academic Misconduct The Truman State University Student Conduct Code (8.020.01) defines the term “academic misconduct” to include: 1. cheating, defined as using or attempting to use unauthorized materials, information aids in any academic exercise; 2. fabrication, defined as falsification or invention of any information or citation in an exercise; 3. facilitating academic misconduct, defined as helping or attempting to help another in an act of academic dishonesty; 4. plagiarism, defined as representing the words or ideas of another as one's own in an academic

exercise. Students caught committing an act of academic misconduct in this course will be subject to the full range of penalties including failing the project, being required to write a paper on academic integrity, and/or failing the course. In every case, the Dean of Student Affairs Office and the Vice President for Academic Affairs will be notified.

Title IX As an instructor, one of my responsibilities is to help create a safe learning environment on our campus. I also have a mandatory reporting responsibility related to my role as a faculty member. I am required to share information regarding sexual misconduct or information about a crime that may have occurred on Truman's campus with the University. Students may speak to someone confidentially by contacting University Counseling Services at 660-785-4014 (660-665-5621 for after-hours crisis counseling.)