

LSB4633: International Business Law

Online Course Information

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Prerequisites:	LSB3213 (Legal Environment of Business)
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Office hours:	TTh: 9:00 am to 10:15 am I am frequently there at other times, but you should contact me in advance to be sure.
Required texts:	Schaffer, Agusti, Dhooge, <i>International Law for the Business Manager</i>
Supplemental text:	Additional documents will be posted on D2L.
Syllabus attachment:	The Spring 2016 OSU Syllabus Attachment is incorporated into this course outline by reference. (Link) You should refer to it first for any unanswered questions.

Course Description:

- In this course, we introduce the topic of international public law, examine the legal aspects of international business transactions, contrast different legal systems, and conclude with a study of employment law.

Mode of Teaching:

- This is an online class with unique requirements. Please refer to the Online Class Instructions first ([Link](#)) for more detail.

Distance learning contact information:

- These should be your first contact points for any questions related to the non-academic aspects of the course, such as testing, computer access, and technical support.
 - EMAIL: spearsdistance@okstate.edu
 - PHONE: 405-744-4048
 - TWITTER: @SPEARSDISTANCE

Instructor guidelines and policies

Reading:

- Text: Understanding of the course material requires that students keep up with the reading assignments. Students should read the assigned material before class.
- Cases: Judicial opinions provide a key element in understanding the law. For that reason, it is important to read and understand the assigned cases.
- Additional reading: Additional reading assignments may be posted online. Students are required to read all additional material.

Examinations:

- The class is divided into three sections, each covering a segment of the textbook and outside readings. At the end of each section, an exam will be given. The exam will cover the lectures, class discussions, videos, assigned readings, and textbook.
- Exams may consist of essay, multiple choice, and short answer questions. Students must bring a pencil, pen, and any other required testing materials to each exam.
- Each exam will cover only the immediately preceding segment of the class. Each of the exams will be worth 100 points.

Writing assignments:

- There will be two timed writing assignments. A topic and instructions will be posted on D2L. You will have 48 hours from the time of posting of the assignment until it is due to be turned in. You will access the writing assignments on D2L in the Dropbox section. The writing assignments are not proctored.
- Each writing assignment is worth 50 points.
- The writing assignments are not research papers. Instead, think of them as thought pieces. You will be given the opportunity to analyze a current international law issue and, using the information you learned in class, prepare a short essay of approximately 500 to 1000 words.
- You will be graded on content, structure, form, and grammar. Please take the time to proofread your paper before turning it in.
- Students will **NOT** be allowed to make up the writing assignment. If you fail to turn in the writing assignment on time, you will receive a grade of 29/50 (the highest possible failing grade).

Make-up Exams:

- Make-up exams are discretionary. Before being allowed to take a make-up exam, you must provide a reasonable excuse for failing to take the exam. After missing an exam, you must notify me by email that you will need to take a make-up exam.
- Make-up exams will be given immediately after the final exam. You will take the make-up exam immediately after the final exam, during the scheduled final exam period.
- Make-up exams will differ from the questions assigned to the class.
- If more than one exam is missed, the make-up exam will count for each of the missed exams.

Academic Integrity:

- Oklahoma State University is committed to the maintenance of the highest standards of integrity and ethical conduct of its members. This level of ethical behavior and integrity will be maintained in this course. Participating in a behavior that violates academic integrity (e.g., unauthorized

collaboration, plagiarism, multiple submissions, cheating on examinations, fabricating information, helping another person cheat, unauthorized advance access to examinations, altering or destroying the work of others, and fraudulently altering academic records) will result in your being sanctioned.

- Violations may subject you to disciplinary action including the following: receiving a failing grade on an assignment, examination or course, receiving a notation of a violation of academic integrity on your transcript (F!), and being suspended from the University. You have the right to appeal the charge. Contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 101 Whitehurst, 405-744-5627. You may find further information online. ([Link](#))

Drop and Add Policy:

- The Oklahoma State University drop and add policy may be found online. ([Link](#))

Proctored exam requirements

- Exams in this course will require a proctor. You must take each exam at an approved testing center. After you have completed the appropriate form(s) and sent into the Distance Learning Office make sure to call your testing center to schedule an appointment.
- If you want to test at Wes Watkins (Stillwater), University Assessment & Testing (Stillwater), OSU-OKC or OSU-Tulsa then you only need to fill out the Student Information Form: <https://spears.okstate.edu/distance/forms/studentform/>
- If you will be testing anywhere else you must fill out a Student Information Form and select 'other' then fill out a Proctor Agreement Form:
 - <https://spears.okstate.edu/distance/forms/studentform/>
 - <https://spears.okstate.edu/distance/files/proctoragreementform-tc2015.pdf>
- If you need help locating a proctor please look at a list of possible testing centers in your area. This is only a suggested list there might be other places in your area that are suitable:
 - <http://spears.okstate.edu/distance/guide/centers/>
- If you have any questions or need help locating a testing center contact the Distance Learning Office: spearsdistance@okstate.edu or 405-744-4048.

Grade Determination:

Values:

Item	Details	Points	Percentage of Total Possible Points
Three multiple choice exams	Each exam is worth a maximum of 100 points	300	

Two writing assignments	Each assignment is worth a maximum of 50 points	100	
Total		400	100%

Letter Grade Assignment:

Letter Grade	Number of Points Necessary
A	360
B	320
C	280
D	240
F	Below 240

Instructional Outline:

This is a tentative outline and will likely be changed during the course of the semester.

Lecture	Topic
International public law	
1	Introduction to class
2	Growth and development of international law (natural law and positive law)
3	Growth and development of international law (Trends in international law)
4	States, statehood, and sovereignty
5	Organizations under international law
6	Sources of international law (customary law and treaties)
7	Sources of international law (The future of international law)
8	Introduction to law of international business
	Exam 1
International business transactions	
9	International business transactions
10	Contracting systems
11	The convention on contracts for the international sale of goods
12	The formation of contracts for the international sale of goods
13	Damages and defenses under the CISG
14	The documentary sale (Bill of lading)
15	The documentary sale (Terms of trade)
16	North American free trade law
	Exam 2
International legal systems	
17	Western legal systems

18	Sharia law
19	Dispute resolution methods
20	Arbitration of international disputes
21	Litigation of international disputes
22	Labor and employment law abroad
23	Employment discrimination in the EU
24	Review
	Exam 3