

DESE Model Curriculum: Business Law (CIP Code: 52.0101)

GRADE LEVEL/UNIT TITLE: 11-12/Entrepreneurship Law

COURSE INTRODUCTION		
<p>Instruction in this area addresses laws affecting both businesses and families. As laws emanate from different governmental and judicial entities, students must have a basic understanding of the law and the foundation of the legal system. The impact of international business and technology has created an additional demand for students to include this course in their academic preparation.</p> <p>This course is designed to acquaint students with the basic legal principles relevant to their roles as citizens, consumers, and employees through a mixture of personal, business, and consumer law. The content includes the basic characteristics of the American system of free enterprise, rights of private property, basic elements of contracts, employer-employee relations, landlords and tenants, individual rights, wills and estates, family and juvenile justice law, and community property.</p>		
UNIT DESCRIPTION	SUGGESTED UNIT TIMELINE	
Students will learn the legalities and responsibilities of different types of business ownership.	1 week	
	CLASS PERIOD (min.)	
	50 min.	
ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Would you rather own a sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation and why? 2. What other options, beside sole proprietorship, partnership or cooperation, are there to become a business owner? 		
ESSENTIAL MEASURABLE LEARNING OBJECTIVES	NBEA STANDARD	DOK
1. Compare the four main types of business ownership (Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation, Limited Liability Company)	BLIV.A.1 BLIV.A.2 BLIV.B.3.1 BLIV.B.3.2 BLIV.B.3.3	2
2. Explain the legal aspect of business ownership	BLIV.A.3.1 BLIV.A.3.2 BLIV.A.3.3 BLIV.A.3.4 BLIV.B.3.3	3
3. Discuss and analyze the impact of laws of different countries on business ownership	BLIV.A.4.1 BLIV.A.4.2	4
4. Define and explain the different types of corporations	BLIV.B.3.1 BLIV.B.3.2	2
5. Define management’s roles and responsibilities regarding the operation of the business	BLIV.B.3.4 BLIV.B.4.2 BLIV.C.3.4	1

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6. Define stakeholder’s legal responsibilities in a corporation	BLIV.B.3.4 BLIV.B.3.5 BLIV.B.3.6 BLIV.B.3.7	1
7. Explain the legal aspects of operating within the socioeconomic arena of the national and international marketplace	BLIV.B.4.5	3
8. Distinguish between limited partnerships and general partnerships and the rights and duties of the partners in a business	BLIV.A.3.7 BLIV.A.3.9	2
9. Explore different regulations that affect business ownership	BLIV.A.3.2 BLIV.A.3.3 BLIV.A.3.4 BLIV.A.3.8 BLIV.B.3.9 BLIV.B.3.10 BLIV.B.3.16 BLIV.B.3.17 BLIV.B.3.18	2
10. Differentiate between common and preferred stock	BLIV.B.3.5	3
11. Discuss dissolution methods for business ownership	BLIV.A.3.7 BLIV.A.3.20	1
12. Discuss the impact of internet sales on business ownership	BLII.C.4.2	3
ASSESSMENT DESCRIPTIONS		
n/a		
OBJ. #	INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES	
2, 8, 11	1. Independent learning activity preparing an Articles of Partnership for a business	
1, 2, 5, 12	2. Lesson plan on Business Ownership with web research activity. Independent learning, student research	
OBJ. #	INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES	
2, 8, 11	1. Articles of Partnership Activity	
1, 2, 5, 12	2. Research with Missouri Secretary of State the requirements to start a business in Missouri	
UNIT RESOURCES		

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1. <http://www.myownbusiness.org/s4/index.html#2>
2. <http://sos.mo.gov/categories.asp?id=2>
3. Sample Articles of Partnership
4. Sample Business Applications