**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Business Law I is a survey of the American legal system designed to develop an understanding of the fundamentals of business law. Classes are conducted by using text and actual case studies for the purpose of observing the development and application of legal principles in a business activity. Topics covered include the nature of law, courts and court procedures, crimes and torts, contracts, sales, and negotiable instruments.

This course provides the student with a working knowledge of the legal framework within which formal business organizations must operate.

**PURPOSE:**

The primary purpose of the course in business law is to develop an understanding of the legal framework of business—the basic principles of law that apply to business transactions. Students who enroll in this course usually include the following:

- **General Student** – taking the course for the purpose of self-enrichment, professional upgrading or just interested in the area of the law
- **Career Training Student** – taking the course as a part of a two-year academic program to prepare to assume a job in business
- **Transfer Student** – taking the course as part of a two-year curriculum preparatory for a four-year collegiate institution.
- **Examination Preparation Student** – taking the course in preparation for professional examinations which include business law as one of the areas of subject matter, i.e., CPA (Certified Public Accountant), CPS (Certified Professional Secretary), etc.

The diverse interest of these students necessitates a treatment of subject matter that will be meaningful to them as businesspeople, professional people, public servants, and as citizens.