COURSE TITLE: Legal and Ethical Environment of Business

COURSE NUMBER: BLA 303

I. RATIONALE:
Students take this course in order to understand the intersection of law and business.

II. MAJOR INSTRUCTIONAL GOALS:

GOAL A:
Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of law and critical legal thinking.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

A-1 Define law
A-2 Explain the functions of the law
A-3 Examine the sources of law in the United States
A-4 Differentiate between the federal and state judicial systems
A-5 Review litigation and alternative dispute resolution

GOAL B:
Understand the ethical issues involved in the business environment with respect to business decision making.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

B-1 Compare law and ethics
B-2 Contrast theories of business ethics

GOAL C:
Identify and apply laws relating to contracts, principal and agency relationships.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

C-1 Define a contract
C-2 Name the elements of a contract
C-3 Examine the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) as it relates to contracts
C-4 Compare common law contracts with UCC contracts
C-5 Classify contracts based on numerous criteria
C-6 Examine remedies for breach of contract
C-7 Analyze contract formation
C-8  Describe agency formation and termination

GOAL D:
Demonstrate an understanding of government regulations and their effect on organizations, non-corporate business organizations, employees, and consumers.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

D-1  Examine entrepreneurial forms of conducting business
D-2  Review the rights and duties of both general and limited partners, shareholders, directors, and officers
D-3  Review consumer protection laws
D-4  Evaluate environmental protection laws
D-5  Assess administrative law
D-6  Define secured and unsecured transactions
D-7  Describe antitrust law

GOAL E:
Be aware of global issues in business management affecting business law.

Learning Outcomes: The student will:

E-1  Evaluate tort law
E-2  Compare strict liability law to tort law
E-3  Differentiate types of bankruptcy law