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Baton Rouge Community College

*Academic Affairs Master Syllabus*

Date Approved: 1 September 2020

Term and Year of Implementation: Fall 2020

**Course Title:** Contracts and Construction Law

**BRCC Course Rubric:** CMGT 2003

**Previous Course Rubric**: CMGT 200

**Lecture Hours per week-Lab Hours per week-Credit Hours**: 3-0-3

**Per semester: Lecture Hours-Lab Hours-Instructional Contact Hours**: 45-0-45

**Louisiana Common Course Number:**

**CIP Code:** 52.2001

**Course Description:** Covers current construction laws, roles and responsibilities associated with the construction industry, and the preparation and review of contracts. Involves the study of legal factors associated with the business operations of a construction company.

**Prerequisites:**  Eligibility for ENGL 1013

**Co-requisites:** None

**Suggested Enrollment Cap:** 30

**Learning Outcomes.** *Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:*

1. Identify the essential elements of a legally enforceable contract.

2. Differentiate among the forms of formal dispute resolution including litigation, arbitration, and mediation.

3. Identify the effects that changes to the scope of work have on contractual obligations.

4. Differentiate between various contractual relationships by understanding the roles and responsibilities of contractual parties.

5. Explain ethics in construction.

**Assessment Measures.** Assessment of all learning outcomes will be measured using the following methods:

1. Tests, homework and projects will be given during the semester.

2. Instructor designed examinations will be administered during the semester.

3. A final exam will be administered at the end of the semester.

4. A departmentally designed set of questions, which will be the same for all classes and all instructors, will cover the learning outcomes, and will be graded with a common rubric.

**Information to be included on the Instructor’s Course Syllabi:**

* ***Disability Statement*:** Baton Rouge Community College seeks to meet the needs of its students in many ways. See the Office of Disability Services to receive suggestions for disability statements that should be included in each syllabus.
* ***Grading:*** The College grading policy should be included in the course syllabus. Any special practices should also go here. This should include the instructor’s and/or the department’s policy for make-up work. For example in a speech course, “Speeches not given on due date will receive no grade higher than a sixty” or “Make-up work will not be accepted after the last day of class”.
* ***Attendance Policy*:** Include the overall attendance policy of the college. Instructors may want to add additional information in individual syllabi to meet the needs of their courses.
* ***General Policies*:** Instructors’ policy on the use of things such as beepers and cell phones and/or hand held programmable calculators should be covered in this section.
* ***Cheating and Plagiarism*:** This must be included in all syllabi and should include the penalties for incidents in a given class. Students should have a clear idea of what constitutes cheating in a given course.
* ***Safety Concerns:*** In some courses, this may be a major issue. For example, “No student will be allowed in the lab without safety glasses”. General statements such as, “Items that may be harmful to one’s self or others should not be brought to class”.
* ***Library/ Learning Resources:*** Since the development of the total person is part of our mission, assignments in the library and/or the Learning Resources Center should be included to assist students in enhancing skills and in using resources. Students should be encouraged to use the library for reading enjoyment as part of lifelong learning.

**Expanded Course Outline:**

I. Introduction to the Legal System and the Maxims of Law

II. Applying and Using the Law

III. Logic

IV. Law, Ethics and Morality

V. Relationships Among the Parties on the Project

VI. Mistakes in Bidding

VII. Specifications and Plans

VIII. Scope

IX. Changes, Additions and deletions to the Contract

X. Delays and Accelerations

XI. Differing and Unforeseen Site Conditions

XII. Warranties

XIII. Termination of the Contract and Contract Damages

XIV. Torts and Tort Damage

XV. Joint Liability and Indemnity

XVI. Bankruptcy

XVII. Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

XVIII. Performance Bonuses