Business Law and Ethics examines the role of the law on all aspects of business ownership and management. Throughout the course, students focus on legal ethics, court procedures, torts, contracts, consumer law, property law, employment law, environmental law, and international law. Students also explore the impact of laws, regulations, and judicial decisions on society at large.

This course allows students to explore careers in business while learning skills applicable to any professional setting. Through a series of hands-on activities, students will prepare legal documents, create a compliance plan, and research consumer protection issues. Regular engagement in active learning ensures students can continually refine the skills necessary to prepare them for work. In addition, students will evaluate the qualifications required for specific careers so they can identify opportunities of interest to them.

Business Law and Ethics is a full-year intermediate or capstone Career and Technical Education course applicable to programs of study in the Business, Management and Administration career cluster. This course is built to state and national standards. Students who successfully complete the course will be prepared to pursue certifications such as Accredited Legal Professional, Certified Administrative Manager, or Certified Associate in Project Management®.

Length: Two Semesters

Unit 1: An Overview of Business Law and Ethics

- An Introduction to Business Law
- Business Ethics
- Wrap-Up

Unit 2: The Legal System

- The Judicial System
- The Court Process
- Legal Documentation
- Wrap-Up

Unit 3: Torts

- Tort Laws in Business
- Remedies for Tortious Conduct
- Wrap-Up

Unit 4: Contracts

- Creating Contracts
- Breaking Contracts
- The Uniform Commercial Code
- Wrap-Up

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Unit 5: Laws Governing Business Organizations

- Creating a Business Organization
- Protecting a Business Organization
- Wrap-Up

Unit 6: Wrap-Up

Unit 7: Consumer and Creditor Protection

- Protecting Consumers
- Protecting Creditors
- Consumer and Creditor Protection Wrap-Up

Unit 8: Property Law

- Personal Property
- Real Property
- Intellectual Property
- Property Law Wrap-Up

Unit 9: Agency, Employment Law, and Digital Protection

- Agency
- Employment Law
- Protecting Business in the Digital Age
- Agency, Employment Law, and Digital Protection Wrap-Up

Unit 10: Environmental and International Law

- Environmental Law
- International Law
- Environmental and International Law Wrap-Up

Unit 11: Your Career in the Legal Environment of Business

- Career Exploration
- Getting Involved
- Your Career in the Legal Environment of Business Wrap-Up

Unit 12: Wrap-Up

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