



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Commercial Law	Course 610 Section 1 & 2	Term and Year: Fall 2021	
Class Time	Section 1: T, TH 9:00a-10:15a; W 9:00-9:50a Section 2: T, TH 11:00a-12:15p; W 11:00a-11:50a		
Class Location	Rm 107: 9am class Rm 212: 11am class		
Professor	Professor Sally Terry Green Office: 231B		
Office Hours	<i>In an effort to keep everyone safe during this pandemic season, <u>I will hold virtual office hours</u> from 12:30p-2pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays via ZOOM <u>AND any other agreed times accommodated upon request.</u></i> <i>The Zoom link is:</i> https://zoom.us/j/95556012249?pwd=RzdYWmxxWlZnUXdjbWpSRGFGT3Rldz09; <i>Meeting ID: 955 5601 2249; Passcode: 194581</i>		
Professor's Emails	sally.green@tmslaw.tsu.edu; sgreen65@swbell.net	Instructor Phone	(o) 713.313.7351
Preferred Methods of Contact	<i>Email and Blackboard Message / Text</i>	Tutor's Name & Email	<i>Ashleigh Fontenette</i> a.fontenette4359@student.tsu.edu

Course Description	
Course Purpose	<p>This course is a 4-credit course covering Sales and Secured Transactions. We will address the principles and practices of the Uniform Commercial Code focusing on Articles 2 and 9 that are those areas primarily covered on the Uniform Bar Exam.</p> <p>In preparation for the Uniform Bar Exam, the course will necessarily focus on the following primary UCC Article 2 areas that substantially differ from common law contracts:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">UCC §2-207 ("Battle of the Forms" provision); UCC §2-205 (the "Merchants Firm Offer" provision); UCC §2-209 (the "Good Faith Modification" provision), and UCC §2-601 (the "Perfect Tender Rule").</p> <p>Likewise, this portion of the course will also cover Warranties and other areas of Article 2 that are generally tested on the Uniform Bar Exam. For Article 9, we will address how the UCC governs payment guarantees of a debtor-borrower that gives a security interest in his personal property to a lender and the related issues. The Course Methodology is designed to address the Learning Objectives stated below.</p>

Learning Objectives & Evaluation Tools	<p><i>The goal for this course is to teach students to read and comprehend relevant statutory language found in UCC Articles 2 and 9 (including the code provisions and the corresponding explanatory materials (Official Comments). Additionally, students will successfully reflect their understanding of the language by, first, identifying relevant legal issues raised in the Uniform Bar Exam-type fact scenarios and, second, providing comprehensive analysis of those issues.</i></p> <p><i>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>+ Read & comprehend relevant statutory language (UCC Code provisions) and the corresponding explanatory materials (Official Comments).</i> <i>+ Prepare a short essay that analyzes facts and application of rules and concepts used in Sales and Secured Transactions.</i> <p><i>In furtherance of these objectives, students will be required to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>+ Read, prepare responses, & offer interpretations of problem set analyses as part of Class Participation.</i> <i>+ Complete short essay quizzes given throughout the semester that require identification of relevant Code concepts and analysis of key facts.</i> <i>+ Complete written analysis to Bar Format-type questions for Midterm and Final Exam</i>
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Course Material	
Required Books (2)	<p><i>(1) Douglas Whaley, Problems and Materials on Commercial Law, 11th edition (ISBN: 978-1-4548-6334-2);</i></p> <p><i>(2) Mann, Warren, Westbrook, Aspen Publishers, Comprehensive Commercial Law Statutory Supplement</i></p>
Required Technology	<p><i>Students will be granted THE PRIVILEGE of using Computers in the classroom SUBJECT TO the professor's approval and discretion. If the professor SUSPECTS that the student is abusing this PRIVILEGE by using the computer for NON-CLASS related materials, the student WILL BE banned from subsequent use of the computer for the remainder of the semester.</i></p> <p><i>Quizzes and exams will be taken using RESPONDUS LOCKDOWN BROWSER (RLDB) that must be downloaded to your computer. Chromebooks, tablets and Ipads are not compatible with the RLDB. Be sure that you have a compatible device AT THE BEGINNING of the semester</i></p>

Grading	As Commercial Law is a required 2L course, it will be subject to the 2.5-2.75 mandatory curve.		
Grade Distribution	Midterm	UBE format essay	40% (Art. 2)
	Final	UBE format essay	60% (Art. 2 & 9)
			Total=100%
Extra Credit (12-point max. to be added to semester total)	<p>Students will be given numerous opportunities to hone their understanding of the course materials through completion of the following:</p> <p>1. 4 points total -Professor Narrated PowerPoints (PNPPTs). There will be 8 PNPPTs posted throughout the semester to BB for students to review Code concepts and rules outside of class. Immediately after viewing the PNPPT, the student must complete a short 5 multiple choice question quiz. Each PNPPT quiz is worth a possible .5 points each.</p> <p>2. 8 points total-Essay Quizzes. There will be 4 opportunities for students to practice short essay analysis through application of facts and black letter law concepts from relevant code sections USING AN IRAC FORMAT. Students must complete the first draft of the quiz for a grade equal up to 1 point maximum. After reviewing individual feedback, students must complete the retake of the same quiz for possibly earning up to 1 additional point. Each quiz is worth a possible 2 points each (1 point max. for first draft; 1 point max. for second draft/retake). <u>Both drafts must be completed to earn points for each quiz.</u> All quizzes must be taken under RLDB.</p>		
Reading Assignments	<p>This is a <i>problems based</i> course. References are <u>not</u> page numbers. ***Subject to Revision Upon Professor's Notice</p>		
Art. 2 Sale of Goods	<u>Week</u>	<u>Whaley Book</u>	
Introduction to Basic Concepts & Contract Formation	ONE Chapters 1 - 3	Problems Number 1-3, (skip 4, 5 and 6); (skip Article 2A and CISG); Problems Number 7 & 9 (skip 8 and 10); 11-17 Skip: Parole Evidence	
Warranties	TWO Chapter 4	Problems Number 18 a-c, 20 a-b; 21-30 (Skip Problems 19)	
Warranties	THREE Chapter 4	Problems Number 32-39; (Skip Problems 31, 40-47)	
Terms of the Contract; Identification; Risk of Loss	FOUR Chapter 5	Problems Number 48 (Skip 49); 50-55	
Performance of the Contract & Remedies	FIVE Chapter 6	<u>Skip: Impossibility of Performance;</u> (Skip 56-58) Problems 59-64, (Skip 65-72;	
Performance of the Contract & Remedies	SIX Chapter 7	Problems 73, 75-76, 80 a-d, 81-84, 86 (Skip problems 74, 77-79 and problem 85)	

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Art. 9 Secured Transactions	<u>Week</u>	<u>Whaley Book</u>
Classification of Collateral, Security Agreement & Financing Statement	SEVEN Chapter 21	Problem Number 300 (Skip 300(d), (f), (g), (j)) 301 (Skip 302); 303 (Skip (c),(d),(e), (g),(h)); (Skip 304), 305-311
Attachment	EIGHT Chapter 21	Problems Number 312-321
Perfection: Automatic, Possession, Filing, Temporary, Purchase Money	NINE Chapter 21, 22	Problems Number 323, 326-328, 330-332, 335-337; READ pp. 1150-1151; (Skip Problems 338-346)
Simple Disputes, Priority	TEN Chapter 24	Problems Number 347-351, 354, 356, (read pp. 1186-1190)
Buyers	ELEVEN Chapter 24	Problems Number 358-359, 364, 365, 367, 368, 369
Proceeds	TWELVE Chapter 26	Problems Number 370-371; 401 (skip 402), 403 (skip 404-406), 407 (skip 408-412), 413, (skip 414) 415
Default	THIRTEEN-FOURTEEN Chapter 27	(skip 416-417); Problems 418 (skip 419-420), 421 (skip 422-423) 424 (skip 425) 426-427

Essential Policies:	COVID Information/ protocol, Attendance, Accommodation & Professionalism
COVID Information Sheet	<p>HEALTH AND SAFETY ON CAMPUS</p> <p>1. The University does not require COVID-19 vaccination as a condition for attending school. As a protective measure, students are encouraged to get vaccinated. The St. Luke's vaccination clinic, located on campus in the Nabrit Science Building, is open and accessible to the entire University community, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. There is no cost for the vaccination.</p> <p>2. Students are expected to continuously self-screen for the symptoms of COVID-19. If you have symptoms and are not fully vaccinated, you should call the Student Health Center at (713) 313-7173. Please remember to exercise caution and be courteous of your fellow students.</p>

3. Students who experience a medical emergency on campus should call (713) 313-7000. If off campus, call 911. Please inform the dispatch operator if you are experiencing shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, coughing, or have a fever.

4. Students who are unable to attend classes for health reasons, including those relating to COVID-19, should immediately contact the Associate Dean of Student Services, Amy Ratra (miamy.ratra@tsu.edu), for further guidance.

COVID Information Sheet, continued

5. Students who contract the COVID-19 virus must report the information to the Associate Dean of Student Services, Amy Ratra, and the Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO), by phone at 713-313-4210 or by email at disabilityservices@tsu.edu.

6. Students who contract the COVID-19 virus will be required to quarantine under the advice of Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO). Such students are required to submit Release of Care documentation from a licensed health care professional to SASO and notify the Associate Dean of Student Services, Amy Ratra, before they return to the law school.

7. While on campus and in classrooms, students are encouraged to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to the health and safety of the entire TSU community.

a. Students should practice hand hygiene, cough etiquette, and general cleanliness.

b. Face coverings (over the nose and mouth) are not required as per the guidelines from the State of Texas. However, students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings (over the nose and mouth) while in the law school building.

c. Students should wash or disinfect their hands before each class and after physical interaction with other persons in the classroom.

d. Students should maintain classroom cleanliness. Students should create a clean classroom environment by putting away unnecessary personal items and cleaning their seating area intermittently.

e. Students who do not conduct themselves on campus in a manner conducive to the health and safety of those with whom they come in contact may be subject to discipline up to expulsion from law school.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

8. Law school classes will be fully in-person this fall. The law school attendance policy will be strictly enforced.

9. Students who contract the COVID-19 virus will be barred from attending in-person classes until submitting Release of Care documentation from a licensed health care professional to Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO). Such students will be required to study and keep up with the prescribed readings.

10. Students that are excused from in-person class attendance because they contracted the COVID-19 virus should designate a student in each of their classes to

	<p><i>make audio recordings of the lectures. Professors are required to allow such recordings to be made. Furthermore, professors are required to meet with such students to answer questions about the materials covered during their COVID-19-related absence.</i></p> <p>UNIVERSITY RESOURCES</p> <p>11. COVID-19 TESTING <i>Location: H&PE 109</i> <i>Hours of Operation: No appointments are necessary. Tuesday – Thursday 8 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.</i> <i>Results will be available within 24 hours if the test is taken by 11:30 a.m.</i></p> <p>12. The St. Luke's vaccination clinic is open and accessible to all University personnel and community, Monday – Friday, 9 am – 7 pm in the Nabrit Science Building.</p> <p>13. STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES <i>a. Student Health Services is open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday by appointment only.</i> <i>b. A nurse is available at (713) 313-7173, Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. to schedule appointments.</i> <i>c. Appointments will be scheduled virtually and in-person, as needed.</i> <i>d. If you are currently enrolled and need a copy of your immunization record go to https://tsu.medicatconnect.com.</i> <i>e. If you are off campus but in the local area and need assistance contact the Harris County Health Department COVID-19 hotline: www.ReadyHarris.org. If you don't have the internet, call (832) 927-7575 or Houston Health Department COVID-19 Call Center: (832) -393-4220.</i></p> <p>14. UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER <i>a. The University Counseling Center (UCC) is providing convenient Telemental Health Services to all students.</i> <i>b. Students may call 713-313-7800 to request an appointment. If someone does not answer, please leave your T-Number, name, and a contact number. Students may also complete this form to request an appointment, and someone will contact them during business hours:</i> <i>c. Students may receive a call from a blocked or private number, please answer, as it may be your counselor trying to contact you.</i> <i>d. If a student experiences a crisis outside of regular business hours, the student can call 833-848-1765.</i> <i>e. Other resources for support outside of the UCC include:</i> <i>i. Crisis text line – Text Steve to 741-741.</i> <i>ii. National Suicide Hotline - 800-273-TALK (8255).</i></p>
Attendance Protocol	<p>Attendance will be taken EVERY CLASS PERIOD through a Class Sign In Sheet. It is your responsibility to make sure your signature appears on the Sign-In Sheet. I will use the Sign In Sheet to complete the University's Student Attendance Tracking tool.. Please contact me personally if you miss any class.</p> <p>NOTE: Tardiness will not be permitted and will be considered an ABSENCE.</p>

	<p><i>Extenuating circumstances can be submitted to me via email or by hard copy within 24 hours of the event. See Student Rules of Matriculation for details on absences and grade reductions.</i></p> <p>.</p>
<p>Disability Accommodation Administration Process</p>	<p>The following is the transition process for accommodation services:</p> <p><u>Previously Approved Law Students</u></p> <p>Law students who have been approved for accommodations in previous years by the Law School Student Affairs Office must complete the SASO Accommodation Request Form to request pre-approved accommodations for the Fall 2021 academic term. Students who have questions should contact SASO via email DisabilityServices@tsu.edu or phone 713-313-4210. Accommodation Request Form link http://www.tsu.edu/students-services/departments/disability-services/forms/student-accomodation-request-form.html.</p> <p>The procedure for law students who have not been previously approved for accommodation is as follows:</p> <p><u>New Accommodation Requests</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students must have a diagnosed disability and authentic documentation to apply for services. 2. Once the applicant's disability information is received, SASO will contact the student to schedule an Intake (virtual) appointment for the student to self-report any disability challenges/barriers associated with the condition that impacts their functioning abilities in the learning environment. 3. SASO will next determine the student's eligibility status and accommodation plan based on the disability, historical documentation, and self-reporting data. SASO will send a notification letter indicating the applicant's service status. The notification letter requires the applicant's signature. 4. Upon receipt of the signed notification letter, SASO will forward a copy of the accommodation letter to the student, with instruction on how to complete the accommodation process. 5. Students must meet with each Instructor to discuss how accommodations will be implemented. The student and Instructor must sign the accommodation letter. The student will return a copy of the signed accommodation letter to SASO electronically. The signed accommodation letter is used for advocacy purposes if accommodation concerns are reported. <p><u>COVID Related Accommodations</u></p> <p>TSU is completely re-opening for the Fall 2021 academic term for synchronous (in-person) courses. COVID-related protocols for the Fall 2021 academic term will support the quarantine time range for students who test positive or are exposed to COVID during the Fall 2021 semester. Documentation is required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID accommodations will be processed for those who report testing positive or exposure to COVID. Documentation is required. • Students will quarantine for 10 days.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students must submit Release of Care documentation from a licensed health care professional to Student Accessibility Services Office (SASO), return to class, and discuss missed assignment/exam make up plans with Instructors. Students will not engage in class activities during the quarantine period.• Students must communicate if more time is needed. Documentation is required to support additional time needs. <p>Instructors are not to re-teach the course for excessive absences. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from the Instructor and pursue tutoring. It is anticipated that students will engage in self-study during the absence time.</p> <p>Accommodation services are not to fundamentally alter course/program formats, requirements, standards, and/or guidelines. Consequently, no remote/online attendance or learning modalities will occur for synchronous (in-person) formatted courses for the Fall 2021 academic term.</p> <p>Students who have questions should contact SASO via email DisabilityServices@tsu.edu or phone 713-313-4210.</p> <p><u>Accommodations/Excused from Graded Quizzes or Tests, etc.</u></p> <p><i>An “accommodation” is defined for these purposes as any student request for deviation from the time, date, or circumstances under which scheduled graded assignments are administered. <u>Students must apply to and be granted WRITTEN accommodation by processes indicated by the DEAN’S OFFICE if he/she will not be in attendance for any graded assignment or test (e.g., graded quiz and midterm/final exams).</u> Once granted, the professor must receive official confirmation of any ALTERNATIVE DATES or accommodated changes that have been granted to the student.</i></p> <p><i>All requests for ACCOMMODATIONS must be handled by processes indicated by the Dean’s office rather than by the professor. ORAL CONVERSATIONS made with the professor ARE NOT BINDING..</i></p>																																							
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