

## **BUSINESS BASICS FOR LAWYERS**

**Course Number: 24 BCL 735      Call Number: 000080**

**Semester:** Fall 2011

**Professor:** Oliver

**Credits:** 2 Classroom

**Primary Basis for the Grade:** Tentatively Short Paper and Exam; Letter Grade

**Prerequisites:** None. Students with substantial prior exposure to accounting or business courses should not take this course. Students who have taken more than 1 accounting class should talk to the instructor before enrolling in the class. Students with an MBA, joint JD/MBA, and undergraduate finance or accounting majors are ineligible for the course.

**Enrollment:** Open

**Meets Seminar Requirement?** No

**Meets Writing Requirement?** No

**Meets Client Counseling Requirement?** No

**Meeting Times:** H 3:05 - 5:05

**Location:** 100A

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Much legal work requires a basic understanding of business concepts. Work as diverse as family law, estate planning, litigation, and, of course, business practice requires such knowledge. This course is designed to help students with little background in business to gain a basic understanding of business concepts to help them serve their clients in these diverse settings. Of course, it will also help a student who has little business background, but wishes to explore a business or transactional legal practice.

The course will explore basic financial statements, an overview of financial accounting, the basics of debt and interest, and possibly other basic business concepts such as organizing a business, marketing, insurance, real estate, and employment topics.

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