## COE 1204 BUSINESS LAW (3 CU)

**Course Description:**

The course is designed to provide students with the ability to understand basic Business Law concepts and legal principles that guide business transactions such as; law of contracts, sale of goods, hire purchase, bankruptcy among other items.

**Course Objectives**

The course will help the students to achieve the following objectives:

* understanding the nature and sources of law,
* Describe the structure of courts of Uganda
* Understand legal principles governing the operation of businesses
* Understand legal procedures of how to start, operate/manage and windup of any business venture.

**Learning Outcomes**

Students should be able to

* describe nature and sources of law
* Evaluate the structure of courts of Uganda
* Evaluate legal principles and procedures required to operate any business venture.

**Intellectual, practical and transferable skills**

* Problem solving skills
* Analytical
* Team work
* Communication

**Teaching and Learning Patterns**

* Use of case studies
* class discussions
* straight lecture
* Group presentations

**Indicative Content**

Nature and sources of law, structure of courts in Uganda, Law of torts, the law of contract, law of agency, partnership, sale of goods, hire purchase, guarantee, insurance, bankruptcy, negotiable instruments and bills of exchange, labor laws, arbitration, interpretation of terms, company registration, memorandum and articles of association, provisions with respect to names of companies, membership of a company, private companies, management , administration and winding up of companies, companies incorporated outside Uganda, legal proceedings.

**Assessment Method**

The assessment method is structured to include coursework and final examination. Coursework consists of assignments, presentations and tests.

Each course in the programme shall be assessed on the basis course work and final examination represented as

Course work assessment 30%

Final Examination 70%

 100%

The minimum mark required to pass is 50%, this includes course work and final examination. Each course in the programme is allowed a maximum of three hours for final examination

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