

COURSE SYLLABUS
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Industrial Engineering Technology

Course No.: CM-315

Title of Course: Construction Contracts and Legal Issues

Revision: _____

New: X

Instructor:

Email:

Office:

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Web URL:

I. Catalog Description and Credit Hours of Course:

Construction and design contracts, rights, obligations and liabilities of parties engaged in construction that flow from the contracts, laws and business practices common to the construction industry. 3 credit hours

II. Prerequisite(s):

TG126 or Consent of Instructor

III. Purposes or Objectives of the Course:

- A. Understand basic contract documents
- B. Understand the intended purpose and principle revisions of these documents, and the rules for their operation and interpretation developed by past decisions of courts and boards
- C. Understand Insurance and Bonding requirements
- D. Understand how to properly handle changes in construction projects

IV. Expectations of Students:

- A. Students are expected read assigned materials.
- B. Students are expected to complete all assignments. Assignments will ONLY be accepted on the due dates provided, unless previous arrangements are made or student provides a written medical doctor's excuse.
- C. Students are expected to participate in class and group discussions
- D. Student work will be completed in accordance with Code of Student Conduct (<http://www6.semo.edu/judaffairs/code.html>)

V. Course Content or Outline:

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Weeks</u>
A. Introduction, Contract Formation and Parties to the Contract	1
B. The Prime Contract, Forms of Contracts & Typical Elements	2
C. Labor Agreements	1
D. Purchase Orders/Sub-Contract Agreements, Joint Ventures Agreements	2
E. Insurance Contracts and Surety Bonds	1
F. Bids and Proposals	2
G. Breach of the Contract, Contract Changes	2

H. Construction Acceleration/, Delays/Suspensions/Terminations	1
I. Liquidated Damages/Force Majeure/ Documentation & Records	1
J. Construction Contract Claims, Dispute Resolution	2
K. Final Exam	

VI. Textbook(s) and/or Other Required Materials or Equipment:

Construction Contracting, Business and Legal Principles, Stuart H. Bartholomew, 2002, Prentice Hall.

VII. Basis for Student Evaluation:

Grading will consist of the following criteria and percentages.

Class Participation	10%
Assignments	40%
Quizzes/Tests	30%
Final Exam	20%

Course grade will be based on the following:

Grading Scale:

A =	100 - 90%
B =	89 - 80%
C =	79 - 70%
D =	69 - 60%
F =	59 - 0%

Disabilities Statement:

Students having special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and needing course materials in an alternative format should notify Instructor immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate special needs.

Instructor reserves the right to change the content and/or sequencing of the materials presented and will notify students of any changes.