

University of Massachusetts-Amherst
HTM 320 Hospitality Law
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Text: Hotel, Restaurant & Travel Law, (6th edition) by: Morris; Cournoyer; Marshall, ISBN: 0766835995. Used copies are available at the Textbook annex and the Jeffrey Amherst bookstore.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: The objectives of this course are to: 1) Provide the student with an understanding of the legal system in the United States 2) Obtain an understanding of the fundamentals of the law 3) Obtain an understanding of the fundamentals of the law as they apply to the Hospitality industry. 4) Integrate your understanding of hospitality law with other functional roles in the hospitality industry to improve your business decision skills.

READING ASSIGNMENTS and CLASS PREPARATION: The textbook reading and other assignments will be given in class. It is expected that each student will have read the assigned material and completed all assigned questions and work before the materials are covered in class. All assignments are required and will be covered on exams. Some assignments will be collected and will be graded.

A series of articles and cases will be available on the course web-site at the Umass Web ct site. The address is: <https://webct.oit.umass.edu/webct/public/home.pl> Use your Umass OIT account user name and password to link to the course, which is called **HTM320 - Hospitality Tourism Law**.

Important to access articles: Go to the drop down menu on the left and Click on the articles "link" and go to the articles that are assigned or of interest. There is also a web link to web links by chapter.

QUIZZES MAY BE GIVEN. I expect to give several quizzes during the semester, either announced or unannounced. The quiz grades will count up to 10% of your course grade. Quizzes may be given at the beginning or end of a class.

ATTENDANCE:

It is expected that students will attend all classes unless an absence is an "excused absence", according to University policy.

EXAMINATIONS, QUIZZES and GRADING:

NO MAKEUP EXAMS UNLESS UNIVERSITY POLICY IS FOLLOWED INCLUDING PERMISSION FROM ME.

The final exam is optional. If you do **not** take the final exam, your grade will be calculated as follows:

Exam # 1	30.0 %
Exam # 2	35.0 %
Exam # 3	<u>35.0 %</u>
	100.0 %

Quizzes (up to 10 % of your grade) Total quiz average will cause the weights above to be adjusted

The final exam is optional and cumulative. If you **do** take the final exam, your grade will be calculated as follows:

Exam # 1	25.0 %
Exam # 2	30.0 %
Exam # 3	30.0 %
Final Exam (optional)	<u>15.0%</u>
Total	100.0 %

Quizzes (up to 10 % of your grade) Total quiz average will cause the weights above to be adjusted

I use the following distribution to determine your grades:

A	92 -100%	C+	77 - 79%
A-	90 – 91%	C	73 - 76%
B+	87 - 89%	C-	70 - 72%
B	83 - 86%	D	60 - 69%
B-	80 - 82%	F	Below 60%

All students will be graded according to the formula above. There will be no extra credit assignments for the purposes of achieving a higher grade.

Students are responsible for all assignments, and all material discussed in class, including any course handouts and all announcements made pertaining to any changes in the course schedule and to exam coverage. Exam questions will come from the text, class lectures and material, assignments, outside readings, and class discussion.

Posting Grades: I will post exam scores on webct.

DATE	SUBJECT	TEXT ASSIGNMENT DUE ON DATE SHOWN
1/30	Introduction, Course objectives, Exams, Grading, Academic Honesty, Introduction to the course, Chapter 1: Introduction to Contemporary Hospitality Law, Chapter 1	
2/1	Chapter 2: Legal Procedures: Journey of A Case Through The Courts	Chapter 1, 2
2/6	Chapter 2: Legal Procedures: Journey of A Case Through The Courts	Chapter 2
2/8	Chapter 3: Civil Rights & Hospitality Businesses.	Chapter 3
2/13	Chapter 3: Civil Rights & Hospitality Businesses.	Chapter 3
2/15	Chapter 4: Contract Law & Hospitality Industry.	Chapter 4
2/20	Chapter 4: Contract Law & The Hospitality Industry.	Chapter 4
2/22	Chapter 4: Contract Law & The Hospitality Industry.	Chapter 4
2/27	Exam # 1 in class (Date changes to be announced in class)	Chapters 1-4
3/1	Chapter 5: Principles Of Negligence.	Chapter 5
3/6	Chapter 5: Principles Of Negligence.	Chapter 5
3/8	Chapter 5: Principles Of Negligence.	Chapter 5
3/13	Chapter 6: Negligence & Hospitality Practices	Chapter 6
3/15	Chapter 7: Guests and Other Patrons	Chapter 7
3/20	Spring break, no class	
3/22	Spring break, no class	
3/27	Chapter 7: Guests and Other Patrons	Chapter 7
3/29	Chapter 8: Protecting Patron's Property.	Chapter 8
4/3	Chapter 8: Protecting Patron's Property	Chapter 8
4/5	Exam # 2 in class (Date changes to be announced in class)	Chapters 5-8
4/10	Chapter 9: Rights of Innkeepers.	Chapter 9
4/12	Chapter 9: Rights of Innkeepers.	Chapter 9
4/17	No Class, Monday schedule is to be followed	
4/19	Chapter 10: Guests Rights.	Chapter 10
4/24	Chapter 10: Guests Rights.	Chapter 10
4/26	Chapter 11: Liability & the Sale of Food	Chapter 11
5/1	Chapter 11: Liability & the Sale of Food	Chapter 11
5/3	Chapter 11: Liability & the Sale of Food	Chapter 11
5/8	Chapter 12: Liability & the Sale of Alcohol	Chapter 12
5/10	Chapter 12: Liability & the Sale of Alcohol	Chapter 12
5/15	Exam # 3 in class (Exact date to be announced in class)	Chapters 9-12
Assigned Final Exam Date:	Optional Final Exam	Cumulative