

Common Course Outline
CONT 136
Construction Contracts and Related Law
3 Semester Hours

The Community College of Baltimore County

Description

Construction Contracts and Related Law

Involves the study of legal factors associated with the business operations of a construction company; includes a practical approach to the law as it relates to such topics as contracts, intra professional relationships, payments, bonds, liens, labor laws, joint ventures, and an introduction to specifications, insurance, and governmental regulations. 3 credits: 3 lecture hours per week. Offered fall semesters only

Overall Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

Explain the basic elements of a contract in order to be able to create legally binding agreements.

Identify the difference between ordinary commercial contracts and construction contracts.

Identify tort, contract, and criminal liability arising out of construction projects.

Analyze submissions of a bid for government work in order to be responsive.

Evaluate the insurance policy to protect the owner/general contractor.

Analyzing ways to protect the project from mechanics liens.

Identify different ways of collecting contract payments through mechanics liens and bond claims.

Analyze which type of construction agreement is appropriate for a particular project/situation.

Assess how to avoid construction disputes.

Analyze and write various remedies granting clauses in one's favor.

Analyze a factual situation and chose a course of action to achieve the best result under the circumstances.

Major Topics

Contracts
Bidding procedures
Remedy granting clauses in construction contracts
Mechanics liens
Bond claims
Dispute avoidance
Dispute resolution

Course Requirements

Grading/exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member and will include at least 4 out of the 7 categories that follow:

Homework
Projects
Mid term
Term paper/oral report
Classwork
Team projects
Quizzes
Final exam
There will be a minimum of 8 graded assignments.

Writing: The individual faculty member will determine specific writing assignments.

Other Course Information

This course is a X core course and a elective.
This course is taught in a computerized environment.
This course is the first course in a required two-course sequence.

Individual faculty members may include additional course objectives, major topics, and other course requirements to the minimum expectations stated in the Common Course Outline.

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