

Bossier Parish Community College  
Master Syllabus

**Course Prefix and Number:** CONS 150

**Credit Hours:** 3-3-0

**Course Title:** Construction Contracting and Laws

**Prerequisite:** CONS 100

**Textbook(s):** Smith, Currie and Hancock. Common Sense Construction Law: Practical Guide for the Construction Professional, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Wiley Publishers, 2014. ISBN: 9781118858103.

**Course Description:** Contractual obligations for construction project delivery, contract hierarchies, and contract types will be examined. Bid systems will be covered. Common case law holdings and industry customs are reviewed. Regulatory issues—such as codes, code compliance, zoning and inspections—are explained. Red flag issues are explored.

**Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of this course, the student will:

- A. define the federal and state laws governing the construction industry;
- B. describe construction contracts and the reasons they must be carefully crafted and followed;
- C. apply the requirements for bonds and insurance contracts;
- D. work within the parameters of workers' rights, labor and employment agreements; and
- E. recognize the key issues in disputes and learn dispute avoidance techniques.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will or will be able to:

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).

- 1. differentiate between and sequence the federal and state laws that govern the construction industry; (A)
- 2. define the interrelation of the parties to a construction contract; (B)
- 3. differentiate between bids, proposals, and contracts; (B)
- 4. recognize different types of contracts, project delivery systems, and procurement systems; (B)
- 5. understand red flag clauses; (B)
- 6. understand the types of legal actions which can result from construction agreements; (B)
- 7. practice interpretation of prime contracts and sub-contracts; (B)
- 8. understand insurance and bonding requirements; (C)
- 9. define the responsibility of the parties for insurance and bonding in a typical contract arrangement; (C)
- 10. recognize the effect of professional ethics on construction contracts; (B,C,D)
- 11. develop worker's rights, labor and employment agreement compliance plans; (D)
- 12. manage employee safety; (D)
- 13. understand labor agreements; (D)

14. define dispute resolution procedures; (E)
15. identify red flag issues; (E) and
16. simulate resolving potential conflicts. (E)

**Course Requirements:** Textbook, access for Word Processing and Presentation software, access for Internet Research, and note-taking materials.

**Course Grading Scale:**

90% to 100%	=	A
80% to < 90%	=	B
70% to < 80%	=	C
60% to < 70%	=	D
< 60%	=	F

**Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at <http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html>

**Course Fees:** This course is accompanied with an additional fee for supplemental materials.

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