

Welcome!

This is Legal Environment of Business Summer 2009. It's fast-paced and fun. The course runs from May 26 through July 17.

Each week you will be required to participate in at least one threaded (online) discussion and submit one required essay. Your writing skill or lack thereof does affect your grade. I do not require any particular time online, nor are there any required chat sessions, so your schedule should not be adversely affected.

When you log in to your discussion group, you will see that all of the postings will be in chronological order as the course progresses. When submitting your answer to a discussion question, you should open the initial discussion question from the instructor and reply to that post. If you are responding to a comment made by someone else in the thread or if you are asking a question regarding someone else's comment, open his or her comment and reply to that message. This will keep the thread postings in logical order so that they will be easier to follow and read.

I'll give you more information about the particulars of course administration as we go along, but I wanted to make sure you understand that participation every week in your assigned discussion group is required, and will be part of your grade. The required text for the course is: **The Legal, Ethical, and Regulatory Environment of Business, 8th Edition**, by Bruce D. Fisher and Michael J. Phillips (West Educational Publishing Company). If you have any questions or concerns email me at pmomarist@optonline.net, or through the course email.

Stop in and introduce yourself in the Discussion Group for Week One!

See you soon --

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