

Course Description

BCT1743 | Building Construction Law | 3.00 credits

In this course, students will learn the legal aspects of construction contracts and the responsibilities arising particularly from the field operations. This course also includes the relationship of the general contractor to owner, architect, and subcontractor; material men and mechanics lien law; bonds; labor law; and other statutes and ordinances regulating contractors.

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will analyze construction contract law by:

1. Identifying key legal principles governing construction contracts
2. Evaluating the implications of contract clauses on field operations
3. Comparing different types of construction contracts and their suitability for various projects

Competency 2: The student will assess the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders by:

1. Examining the relationship dynamics between general contractors, owners, architects, and subcontractors
2. Investigating the responsibilities of material suppliers and their impact on project execution
3. Analyzing case studies that illustrate conflicts and resolutions among stakeholders in construction projects

Competency 3: The student will explore legal frameworks affecting construction operations by:

1. Reviewing mechanics lien laws and their significance in protecting contractor rights
2. Understanding the requirements and implications of performance and payment bonds
3. Investigating labor laws relevant to construction workers and contractors

Competency 4: The student will apply regulatory knowledge to construction project management by:

1. Interpreting local statutes and ordinances that govern construction practices
2. Developing strategies for compliance with legal requirements in field operations
3. Evaluating the impact of regulatory changes on construction project planning and execution

Learning Outcomes

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information