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AVSC 4160 – X02

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Semester: Spring
Course Prefix: AVSC
Course Title: Aviation Law WE

Year: 2025
Course and Section #: 4160 X02
Credits: 3

Course Description
Introduces the student to the United States Constitution plus derivation and application of international, federal, state and local laws as applied to aviation. Covers administrative, civil and criminal law including torts, principles of liability, contracts, sales, commercial transactions, the environment, labor law and Federal Aviation regulations.

Course Attributes
This course has the following attributes:
☐ General Education Requirements
☒ Global/Intercultural Graduation Requirements
☐ Writing Enriched Graduation Requirements
☒ Discipline Core Requirements in Program
☐ Elective Core Requirements in Program
☐ Open Elective
Other: *Click here to enter text.*

Instructor Information
Instructor Name: Howick, Jodi L

Student Learning Outcomes
- Summarize the chronological history and development of civil commercial aviation in the US and selected other countries; identify and describe the structural features of contemporary airlines.
- List the various government regulatory agencies that impact aviation and air commerce and state the source of their authority and extent of their responsibility.
- Compile a list of private and professional aviation organizations and state how they affect the aviation industry.
- Review policy and procedures established by airlines to deal with customers, air passengers and cargo.
- Describe the National Airspace System, regulatory requirements for aircraft operations and reasons the system was established.
- Discuss the basic concepts of airport regulation, international laws and agreements and enforcement of regulations.
- Examine the liability of individuals and business entities in the aviation industry.

Course Materials and Texts

Textbook - Practical Aviation & Aerospace Law 7th Edition by J. Scott Hamilton
Workbook - Practical Aviation & Aerospace Law by J. Scott Hamilton

Web browser compatibility can be found at [Canvas Questions and Answers.](#) Internet browsers such as Google Chrome or Firefox are preferred.

Some course elements may be viewed on mobile devices; however, UVU aviation online courses include elements of instruction that may require the use of a computer.

Course Requirements

Course Assignments, Assessments, and Grading Policy

This is a fully online course. Online learning offers the convenience of continuing your education regardless of your access to the physical classroom. Be aware that online courses at UVU have regular due dates and must be completed within the term you are register.

You are expected to attend class online each week and participate in all activities. Absence from our online class makes it extremely difficult to be a successful student.

See the assignments listed in Canvas for specific descriptions. Assignments are due on the date indicated. No late assignments will be accepted.

Copyleaks: Assignments have a plagiarism detector that checks your work's originality. Should your instructor have any concerns about plagiarism they will contact you directly. Please refer to [Copyleaks Ltd's Privacy Statement.](#) to read how Copyleaks cares about your rights and personal data.

Assignments are due on the date indicated. No late assignments will be accepted.

Discussions:

Discussions will be opportunities to explore topics together. Posts to the discussion should add significantly to the conversation and support your point of view. Comments that do not add significantly to a discussion will receive no credit. It is okay to disagree in a discussion. In fact much learning happens when we disagree. However, we need to be respectful and keep our online classroom a safe place to learn.

Due dates for discussions correspond with the initial post date which is usually a Wednesday. Follow-up comments are due by Sunday. No late discussions will be allowed.

Assessments:

Reading Reviews are short quizzes that are administered online through Canvas. Their purpose is to assess your understanding of the reading material.

Exams will administered online through Canvas. They are due on the date indicated and no later than 11:59 MST/MDT.

Grade	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E
Percent	94-100	90-93	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	0-59

- Module 1 - Regulatory Agencies Discussion
- Module 3 - Aviation Insurance Discussion
- 1.1 Reading Review
- 2.1 Reading Review
- 3.1 Reading Review
- Module 2 - Copyleaks: Basic Principles of Civil Liability
- Module 4 - Exculpatory Contracts Discussion
- 4.1 Reading Review
- 5.1 Reading Review
- Module 5 - Copyleaks: Airline Liability
- Module 6 - Government Liability Discussion
- 6.1 Reading Review
- 7.1 Reading Review
- Module 7 - Copyleaks: Criminalization of Aircraft Accidents
- Module 8 - FAA Enforcement Discussion
- 8.1 Reading Review
- Midterm Exam
- Module 9 - Aviation Medical Cases Discussion
- 9.1 Reading Review
- 10.1 Reading Review
- Module 10 - Copyleaks: Emerging Technology and Asset Sharing
- Module 11 - Airports and Terminal Airspace
- 11.1 Reading Review
- 12.1 Reading Review
- Module 12 - Copyleaks: Enforcement Action
- 13.1 Reading Review
- Module 13 - Copyleaks: Labor Unions
- Module 14 - Commercial Spaceflight Operations
- 14.1 Reading Review
- Final Exam
- Group Presentation

Required or Recommended Reading Assignments
Textbook - Practical Aviation & Aerospace Law 7th Edition by J. Scott Hamilton
Workbook - Practical Aviation & Aerospace Law by J. Scott Hamilton

General Description of the Subject Matter of Each Lecture or Discussion
Module 1 - Regulatory Agencies
Module 2 - Basic Principles of Civil Liability, Organizing the Business to Limit Liability
Module 3 - Aviation Insurance
Module 4 - Exculpatory Contracts
Module 5 - Airline Liability
Module 6 - Government Liability
Module 7 - Accident Notification
Module 8 - FAA Enforcement
Module 9 - Aviation Medical Cases
Module 10 - Buying and Selling Aircraft, Aircraft Leasing, Co-Ownership and Fractional Ownership
Module 11 - Airports and Terminal Airspace, FAA Regulation of Airspace
Module 12 - Crimes and Aviation Security
Module 13 - Labor and Employment Law, Air Carrier Labor Law
Module 14 - Commercial Spaceflight Operations

Required Course Syllabus Statements

Generative AI
You may use AI programs e.g. ChatGPT to help generate ideas and brainstorm. However, you should note that the material generated by these programs may be inaccurate, incomplete, or otherwise problematic. For example, AI-generated language programs are known to "hallucinate", i.e. create references to non-existent resources. Beware that use of AI may also stifle your own independent thinking and creativity.

You may not submit any work generated by an AI program as your own. If you include material generated by an AI program, it should be cited like any other reference material (with due consideration for the quality of the reference, which may be poor).

Any plagiarism or other form of cheating will be dealt with severely under relevant UVU Plagiarism policies as described in the UVU Student Code of Conduct., UVU Policy 541.

Using Remote Testing Software
☒ This course does not use remote testing software.

☐ This course uses remote testing software. Remote test-takers may choose their remote testing locations. Please note, however, that the testing software used for this may conduct a brief scan of remote test-takers' immediate surroundings, may require use of a webcam while taking an exam, may require the microphone be on while taking an exam, or may require other practices to confirm academic honesty. Test-takers therefore shall have no expectation of privacy in their test-taking location during, or immediately preceding, remote testing. If a student strongly objects to using test-taking software, the student should contact the instructor at the beginning of the semester to determine whether alternative testing arrangements are feasible. Alternatives are not guaranteed.

Required University Syllabus Statements

Accommodations/Students with Disabilities
Students needing accommodations due to a permanent or temporary disability, pregnancy or pregnancy-related conditions may contact UVU [Accessibility Services](#) at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu or 801-863-8747.

Accessibility Services is located on the Orem Campus in BA 110.

Deaf/Hard of Hearing students requesting ASL interpreters or transcribers can contact Accessibility Services to set up accommodations. Deaf/Hard of Hearing services can be contacted at DHHservices@uvu.edu

DHH is located on the Orem Campus in BA 112.

Academic Integrity
At Utah Valley University, faculty and students operate in an atmosphere of mutual trust. Maintaining an atmosphere of academic integrity allows for free exchange of ideas and enables all members of the community to achieve their highest potential. Our goal is to foster an intellectual atmosphere that produces scholars of integrity and imaginative thought. In all academic work, the ideas and contributions of others must be appropriately acknowledged and UVU students are expected to produce their own original academic work.

Faculty and students share the responsibility of ensuring the honesty and fairness of the intellectual environment at UVU. Students have a responsibility to promote academic integrity at the university by not participating in or facilitating others' participation in any act of academic dishonesty. As members of the academic community, students must become familiar with their [rights and responsibilities](#). In each course, they are responsible for knowing the requirements and restrictions regarding research and writing, assessments, collaborative work, the use of study aids, the appropriateness of assistance, and other issues. Likewise, instructors are responsible to clearly state expectations and model best practices.

Further information on what constitutes academic dishonesty is detailed in [UVU Policy 541: *Student Code of Conduct*](#).

Equity and Title IX
Utah Valley University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age (40 and over), disability, veteran status, pregnancy, childbirth, or pregnancy-related conditions, citizenship, genetic information, or other basis protected by applicable law, including Title IX and 34 C.F.R. Part 106, in employment, treatment, admission, access to educational programs and activities, or other University benefits or services. Inquiries about nondiscrimination at UVU may be directed to the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights or UVU's Title IX Coordinator at 801-863-7999 – TitleIX@uvu.edu – 800 W University Pkwy, Orem, 84058, Suite BA 203.

Religious Accommodation
UVU values and acknowledges the array of worldviews, faiths, and religions represented in our student body, and as such provides supportive accommodations for students. Religious belief or conscience

broadly includes religious, non-religious, theistic, or non-theistic moral or ethical beliefs as well as participation in religious holidays, observances, or activities. Accommodations may include scheduling or due-date modifications or make-up assignments for missed class work.

To seek a religious accommodation, a student must provide written notice to the instructor and the Director of Accessibility Services at accessibilityservices@uvu.edu. If the accommodation relates to a scheduling conflict, the notice should include the date, time, and brief description of the difficulty posed by the conflict. Such requests should be made as soon as the student is aware of the prospective scheduling conflict.

While religious expression is welcome throughout campus, UVU also has a specially dedicated space for meditation, prayer, reflection, or other forms of religious expression.