

**GBAR 4305 – Business and Society
Spring 2025 – Online Asynchronous
Course Syllabus**

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Classroom Location:	Online
Required Texts:	1. “Just Business Arguments in Business Ethics” by Martin Sandbu, 1st edition, ISBN: 978- 0205697755

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Course Requirements and Grading

Requirement	Points Possible	Grading Scale
Weekly Attendance	200 Points	A = 450 to 500 points
Assignment 1	100 Points	B = 400 to 449 points
Assignment 2	100 Points	C = 350 to 399 points
Final Essay Exam	100 Points	D = 300 to 349 points
Possible Points	500 points	F = less than 299 points

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Academic Integrity: Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared, and focused; meaningful and pertinent participation is appreciated. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden.

Classroom Climate of Respect: Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Course Learning Objectives:

1. Develop an understanding of the societal role of business enterprises.
Assessment: Written assignments, class discussion and final essay exam.
2. Describe why a reputation of being ethical is important in business.
Assessment: Written assignments, class discussion and final essay exam.
3. Describe the importance of being a good corporate citizen.
Assessment: Written assignments, class discussion and final essay exam.

Student Learning Outcomes for the BBA Degree:

1. The students will analyze and solve business problems across major business functions, using fundamental business principles and strategies.
2. The students will communicate business information through written, oral, and other delivery processes.
3. The students will identify and understand the impact of ethical and social responsibility issues in business.

Marketable Skills for the BBA Degree:

Marketable Skill 1: Students will have the ability to apply the principles of business they learn to the management of existing businesses or the creation of new businesses.

Marketable Skill 2: Students will have the ability to use research and analysis to make informed decisions.

Marketable Skill 3: Students will have the ability to write business letters, emails, resumes and reports.

Marketable Skill 4: Students will have the ability to make effective oral presentations to both professional and general audiences.

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Schedule for GBAR 4305 – Summer I 2025

Week	Topic	Readings
May 28	Business and Society	Textbook Chapters 1, 2, 3
June 2	Ethics and Culture Assignment 1 due June 8, 2025	Textbook Chapters 4, 5, 6
June 9	Basic Rights	Textbook Chapters 7, 8, 9
June 16	Ethical Behavior Assignment 2 due June 22, 2025	Textbook Chapters 10, 11, 12
June 23	ESG	Uploaded Articles
June 30	Final Essay Exam	Due on Monday, June 30 2025