

The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 275a – Section 004

CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Thursdays for twelve weeks in SSC 3024.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop an understanding of Canadian business law and general legal principles as they apply to business.
2. To be able to identify and analyze legal problems and issues as they relate to business.
3. To understand various legal relationships found in the business environment.
4. To understand various different types of business contracts.
5. To familiarize students with legal issues including torts, negligence, contracts, forms of business organization, property, debtor and creditor, labour and employment, intellectual property, e-business and dispute resolution.

TEXT: Business Law in Canada, 8th Edition
Richard A. Yates, Prentice-Hall of Canada Ltd.

READINGS: Students should read and are responsible for all assigned readings. Additional material may be given to students, including contracts and other legal documents, but students are not responsible for that supplementary material.

EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated on the basis of a mid-term exam (50%) and final exam (50%). Exams will be multiple choice and not cumulative.

EXAMS: Exams are multiple-choice and closed-book. No electronic devices will be allowed. Requests for make-up exams and other special arrangements will ONLY be considered in extenuating circumstances and ONLY upon recommendation of Academic Counselling or the Dean's Office. Please see Academic Counselling before requesting exam accommodation.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES: Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
September 6	General Introduction	
September 13	NO CLASS	
September 20	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 1 and 2
September 27	Tort Law and Professional Liability	Chapter 4
October 4	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapters 5 and 6
October 11	Contracts II –Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress	Chapter 7
October 18	Contracts III – Breach of Contract and Termination of the Contract	Chapter 8
October 25	MID-TERM EXAM	Chapters 1,2,4,5,6,7,8
November 1	Forms of Business Organization I – Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships	Chapter 13
November 8	Forms of Business Organization II - Corporations	Chapter 14
November 15	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapters 9 and 10
November 22	Employment Law, Agency and Insurance	Chapters 11 and 12
November 29	Property	Chapters 15 and 16
Exam Period	FINAL EXAM	Chapters 9-16