

**Management and Organizational Studies 275a, Section 650**  
**Business Law I**

**Course Outline September to December 2007**

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**Timetable:** Online, 12 weeks of reading / online material. Course commences on September 6, 2007, finishing December , 2007.

**Objectives:** 1. To introduce the student to the general nature of Canadian Business Law and the system by which it is administered.

2. To examine the principles upon which the laws are based in their historical, economic and social context.

3. To provide the student with the opportunity to analyze situations, and to determine the applicable law.

Antirequisites: Business Administration 450a/b, Law 402a/b, 403a/b.

**Prerequisites:** Enrolment in BMOS or Honors Specialization in Urban Development or Technical Entrepreneurship Certificate (TEC).

**TEXTBOOK:** Required:

Willes, John A., *Contemporary Canadian Business Law: Principles and Cases*, **8th Edition**, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited: Toronto, 2006.

**EVALUATION:**

Midterm Test	Date Saturday October 20, 2007	45%
Final Exam	Date: TBA	55%

**Examinations**

Course Policy on Writing Tests and Exams:

1. The mid-term test and the final exam are "closed-book" format.
2. All necessary answer paper and/or statutes will be provided with the test/exam paper.
3. Students are responsible to supply HB pencils for computer sheets.

For each examination you will be given 2 hours to write the exam, I find that most students can finish in somewhat less time.

The examinations are multiple choice and while I would expect some overlap, i.e. basic concepts and knowledge of legal process may carry over, most of the material on the second exam is from the second half of the course materials.

Students are required to write both exams, there will be no exceptions to this requirement.

Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. Students will not be given the opportunity to improve their grades by completing extra assignments. Accordingly, keep up with the materials, do the practice tests, and monitor your own performance and understanding of the materials. Your grades are *your* responsibility. Please feel free to ask questions by email or by posting them on the course web site.

If you are unable to write the MOS275 final based on the above policy, please contact your instructor immediately; then forward your application for a special examination, with appropriate supporting documents, to your instructor as soon as possible. Your application will be processed by the director of Management and Organizational Studies and finally by the Dean's office.

### **Student Absences Due to Illness**

Students who are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness in any form should advise the instructor at the earliest opportunity. The instructor may, at his discretion, require submission of medical certificates for verification of absence for reasons of illness, especially when this coincides with a significant assessment period.

For further information see:

Academic and Administrative Policies:

### **English Proficiency**

Students are reminded that University Policy requires proficiency in English to be taken into account in the assignment of grades in all courses.

See:

### **Scholastic Offences**

Cheating on an examination or any other scholastic offence may be subject to penalties ranging from reprimand to expulsion from the University. Scholastic offences include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating on an examination or falsifying material subject to academic evaluation.
- Submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials.
- Submitting a false medical or other such certificate under false pretenses.
- Improperly obtaining or unauthorized possession of an examination paper, however obtained, prior to the date and time for the writing of such examination.
- Impersonating a candidate at an examination or availing oneself of the results of such impersonation.
- Intentionally interfering in any way with any person's scholastic work.
- Submitting for credit any academic work for which credit has been previously obtained or is being sought in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere.

For further information see: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>

*Appeal Process:*

See the appeal procedure outlined in the *Academic Calendar* [http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/western/web/2007\(new\)/SUDENT\\_ACADEMIC\\_A\\_PPE\\_ALS\\_305145.html](http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/western/web/2007(new)/SUDENT_ACADEMIC_A_PPE_ALS_305145.html)

<b><i>DATE:</i></b>	<b><i>TOPIC:</i></b>	<b><i>ASSIGNED READING</i></b>
Sept 6	Introduction to law	Ch 1,2
Sept 10	The Law of Torts	Ch 4, 5,6
Sept 17	The Law of Contract, Intro, Consideration	Ch 7,8
Sept 24	The Law of Contract, Capacity, Writing	Ch 9,10
Oct 1	The Law of Contract, Failure to contract, Privity	Ch 11, 12
Oct 8	The Law of Contract, Performance, Breach of Contract	Ch 13, 14
Oct 15	Electronic business, Agency	Ch 16, 17
Oct 20	<b><i>MIDTERM TEST 45% Only covers to the end of Chapter 14</i></b>	
Oct 22	Partnership, Corporate law	Ch 17, 18
Oct 29	Employment law, Labour law	Ch 20,21
Nov 5	Sale of Goods, Consumer protection	Ch 23, 24
Nov 12	Real Property, Mortgages	Ch 28, 29
Nov 19	Security for debt	Ch 32
Nov 26	Catch up and review	