

The University of Western Ontario
Management and Organizational Studies 2275A (001)
BUSINESS LAW I

Course Outline: September – December, 2008

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Location: SSC 3108

DESCRIPTION:

An introduction to the field of business (commercial) law with emphasis on the principal features of Canada's legal system, the law of torts, the law of contract, and four special contractual relationships: the employment relationship, labour law, the sale of goods, and consumer protection.

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.

ANTIREQUISITES: Business Administration 4450A/B, Law 5510A/B, 5210A/B

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

Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written special permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you may be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

TEXT:

Business Law in Canada, 8th Edition
Richard A. Yates, Teresa Bereznicki-Korol, Trevor Clarke
Pearson Prentice Hall

READINGS:

Students should read and are responsible for all assigned readings as well as material discussed in class.

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of two midterm exams (30% each) and a final exam (40%). There will be no re-weighting of exams.

The midterm exams will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2008 and Monday, November 3, 2008. The final exam will be held during the exam period December 6 - 17, 2008.

Students are required to write both midterm exams and the final exam. There will be no exceptions to this requirement. For information regarding missed exams, please review the Policy on Examinations found at <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook>.

Exams will be multiple-choice and closed-book. No electronic devices or other aids will be allowed at the exams. 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.

CLASS PARTICIPATION:

There is not a class participation mark for this course. However, the course will be much more interesting and enjoyable if you read the material in advance and come to class prepared with questions, comments and opinions. Disagreeing with me and offering counter arguments is both welcomed and encouraged. (I love a good debate!)

If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain the notes/handouts for that class.

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>

LINKS:

The University of Western Ontario Registrar's Office <http://www4.registrar.uwo.ca>
The Student Development Centre www.sdc.uwo.ca

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ASSIGNED READINGS AND CLASS TOPICS

<u>Week/Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1 September 8	General Introduction	Chapter 1
2 September 15	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 2 and 3
3 September 22	Tort Law and Professional Liability	Chapters 4 and 5
4 September 29	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapters 6 and 7
Saturday, October 4 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	MIDTERM EXAM (30%)	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 (not 6 and 7)
5 October 6	Contracts II – Factors Affecting the Contractual Relationship	Chapters 8 and 9
6 October 20	Agency, Methods of Carrying on Business I	Chapters 13 and 14
7 October 27	Methods of Carrying on Business II - Sole Proprietorships, Partnerships and Corporations	Chapters 13 and 14
8 November 3 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	MIDTERM EXAM (30%)	Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 and 14
9 November 10	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection	Chapter 10
10 November 17	Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapter 11
11 November 24	Employment Law	Chapter 12
12 December 1	Real Property, Intellectual Property, E-Business	Chapters 15 and 16
December 3	Review Class (Optional)	
Final Exam Period: December 6 – 17, 2008	FINAL EXAM (40%)	Chapters 1 – 16