

The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 2275a – Section 650

CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: ONLINE: no class times, students are advised to maintain the reading schedule

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:

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

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 unless specifically stated otherwise by the instructor.

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a mid-term exam (45%) and final exam (55%).

EXAMS:

Exams will be multiple-choice and closed-book. The midterm exam will be on October 25, and the final exam will be during the December exam period. No electronic devices will be allowed.

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.

LINKS:

The University of Western Ontario Registrar's Office
The Student Development Centre

<http://www4.registrar.uwo.ca>
www.sdc.uwo.ca

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ASSIGNED READINGS AND CLASS TOPICS

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