

**The University of Western Ontario**  
**Management and Organizational Studies 2275B – Section 004**  
**CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW**

**January – April 2010**

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**CLASSES:**         Monday: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 unless specifically stated otherwise by the instructor.

**EVALUATION:**

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a mid-term exam (50%) and final exam (50%).

**EXAMS:**

Exams will be multiple-choice and closed-book. The midterm exam will be on [to be announced], and the final exam will be during the April 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](http://www.sdc.uwo.ca)

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ASSIGNED READINGS AND CLASS TOPICS

<b><i>DATE:</i></b>	<b><i>TOPIC:</i></b>	<b><i>ASSIGNED READING</i></b>
Jan 5	General Introduction	
Jan 12	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Ch 2,3
Jan 19	Tort Law and Professional Liability	Ch 4,5
Jan 26	Contracts I: Formation of Contracts	Ch 6,7
Feb 2	Contracts II: Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress, Breach of Contract, Termination of Contract	Ch 8, 9
Feb 9	<b>Midterm Test</b>	Ch's 2 through 9
Feb 16	Family Day and Reading Week	
Mar 2	Methods of Carrying on Business I: Agency and Partnerships	Ch 13
Mar 9	Methods of Carrying on Business II: Corporations	Ch 14
Mar 16	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection, Debtor-Creditor Law	Ch 10, 11
Mar 23	Employment law	Ch 12
Mar 30	Real and Personal Property	Ch 15
Apr 6	Intellectual Property, E-Business	Ch 16
FINAL EXAM	FINAL EXAM	Chapters 10 through 16