

The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 275b – Section 002

CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: Monday evenings: 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, 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 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 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>Week</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1 Jan 7	General Introduction	
2 Jan 14	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 2 and 3
3 Jan 21	Tort Law and Professional Liability	Chapters 4 and 5
4 Jan 28	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapter 6 and 7
5 Feb 4	Contracts II – Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress - Breach of Contract and Termination of the Contract	Chapter 8 and 9
6 Feb 11	MID-TERM EXAM	Chapters 2-9
7 Mar 3	Methods of Carrying on Business I – Agency and Partnerships	Chapter 13
8 Mar 10	Methods of Carrying on Business II - Corporations	Chapter 14
9 Mar 17	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapters 10 and 11
10 Mar 24	Employment Law	Chapter 12
11 Mar 31	Real and Personal Property	Chapter 15
12 April 7	Intellectual Property, E-Business	Chapter 16
FINAL EXAM	FINAL Exam	Chapters 10-16