

The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 275b – Section 004

CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays for twelve weeks in UC 202.

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.

EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated on the basis of a mid-term exam (50%) and final exam (50%). Exams will be multiple choice and not cumulative.

EXAMS: Exams are multiple-choice and closed-book. 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.

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
January 8	General Introduction	Chapter 1
January 15	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 2 and 3
January 22	Tort Law and Professional Liability	Chapters 4 and 5
January 29	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapters 6 and 7
February 5	Contracts II – Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress	Chapter 8
February 12	Contracts III – Breach of Contract and Termination of the Contract	Chapter 9
February 19	MID-TERM EXAM	Chapters 2 – 9 inclusive
February 26	NO CLASS – READING WEEK	
March 4	Agency, Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships	Chapter 13
March 11	Corporations	Chapter 14
March 18	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapters 10 and 11
March 25	Employment Law, Agency and Insurance	Chapters 12
April 1	Property	Chapters 15 and 16
April 8	NO CLASS	
Exam Period	FINAL EXAM	Chapters 10 – 16 inclusive