

The University of Western Ontario
Management and Organizational Studies 275a – Section 001

BUSINESS LAW I

Course Outline: September – December, 2007

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Location: SSC 3116

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 450a/b, Law 402a/b, 403a/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 that is discussed in class.

EVALUATION:

Students will be evaluated on the basis of a midterm exam (50%) and final exam (50%). The midterm exam will be on October 29, 2007 and the final exam will be during the exam period December 7 – December 19, 2007.

Students are required to write both the mid-term and final exams. 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 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 10	General Introduction	Chapter 1
2 September 17	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 2 and 3
3 September 24	Tort Law and Professional Liability	Chapters 4 and 5
4 October 1	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapters 6 and 7
5 October 15	Contracts II – Factors Affecting the Contractual Relationship	Chapter 8
6 October 22	Contracts III – The End of the Contractual Relationship	Chapter 9
7 October 29	MIDTERM EXAM	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
8 November 5	Methods of Carrying on Business – Sole Proprietorships, Agency and Partnerships, Corporations	Chapters 13 and 14
9 November 12	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapters 10 and 11
10 November 19	Employment Law	Chapter 12
11 November 26	Real Property	Chapter 15
12 December 3	Intellectual Property, E-Business	Chapter 16
FINAL EXAM (Final Exam Period: December 7 – 19, 2007)	FINAL Exam	Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16