

The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 2275A – Section 003

CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m. Mondays in SSC 3026.

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, 9th 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) four online quizzes (20%); (b) a mid-term exam (40%); and (c) a final exam (40%). The quiz schedule is posted on WebCT.

EXAMS and QUIZZES: Exams are multiple-choice and closed-book. No dictionaries or electronic devices are allowed. Quizzes will be based on current assigned reading material.

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.

ILLNESS AND SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: All requests for exam or academic accommodations due to illness or special circumstances must be made to the Academic Counselling office and not to the instructor.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
September 16	General Introduction	Chapter 1
September 23	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 2 and 3
September 30	Tort Law and Insurance	Chapters 4 and 5
October 7	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapters 6 and 7
October 14	Contracts II –Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress	Chapter 8
October 21	Contracts III – Breach of Contract and Termination of Contract	Chapter 9
October 28	MID-TERM EXAM (EC 2168)	Chapters 2 – 9 inclusive
November 4	Employment Law	Chapter 10
November 11	Agency, Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships	Chapter 11
November 18	Corporations	Chapter 12
November 25	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapters 15 and 16
December 2	Real, Personal and Intellectual Property, Internet Law	Chapters 13 and 14
Exam Period	FINAL EXAM	Chapters 10 – 16 inclusive