

# The University of Western Ontario

## Management and Organizational Studies 2275a – Section 650

### CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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**CLASSES:** ONLINE: no class times, students are advised to maintain the reading schedule

#### **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:**

Willes, John A., *Contemporary Canadian Business Law: Principles and Cases*, 9th Edition, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited: Toronto, 2009.

#### **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 (45%) and final exam (55%).

#### **EXAMS:**

Exams will be multiple-choice and closed-book. The midterm exam will be on October 24, and the final exam will be during the December 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 (Willes 9<sup>th</sup> Edition)**

<b><i>DATE:</i></b>	<b><i>TOPIC:</i></b>	<b><i>ASSIGNED READING</i></b>
Sept 13	Introduction to law	Ch 1,2
Sept 20	The Law of Torts	Ch 4, 5, 6
Sept 27	The Law of Contract, Intro, Consideration	Ch 7,8
Oct 4	The Law of Contract, Capacity, Writing	Ch 9,10
Oct 11	The Law of Contract, Failure to contract, Privity	Ch 11, 12
Oct 18	The Law of Contract, Performance, Breach of Contract	Ch 13, 14
Oct 25	Agency	Ch 15
Oct 30	<b><i>MIDTERM TEST 45%</i></b>	
Nov 1	Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporation Law	Ch 16, 17
Nov 8	Employment law, Labour law	Ch 19, 20
Nov 15	Sale of Goods, Consumer protection	Ch 22, 28
Nov 22	Real Property, Mortgages	Ch 23, 24
Nov 29	Security for debt	Ch 30