

The University of Western Ontario

Management and Organizational Studies 2275A, section 650

Business Law I

Course Outline May 9 to July 29, 2011

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Timetable: Online, 12 weeks of reading / online material. Course commences on May 9, 2011, finishing July 29, 2011.

Objectives:

1. To introduce the student to the general nature of Canadian Business Law and the system by which it is administered.
2. To examine the principles upon which the laws are based in their historical, economic and social context.
3. To provide the student with the opportunity to analyze situations, and to determine the applicable law.

Antirequisites: Business Administration 4450A/B, Law  
5510A/B, 5210A/B

Prerequisites: Enrolment in BMOS or Honors Specialization in Urban Development or Technical Entrepreneurship Certificate (TEC).

TEXTBOOK: Required:

Willes, John A., *Contemporary Canadian Business Law: Principles and Cases*, **9th Edition**, McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited: Toronto, 2010.

EVALUATION:

Midterm Test	Date Saturday June 25, 2011	45%
Final Exam	Date: August TBA,	55%

### **Examinations**

Course Policy on Writing Tests and Exams:

1. The mid-term test and the final exam are "closed-book" format.
2. All necessary answer paper and/or statutes will be provided with the test/exam paper.

3. Students are responsible to supply HB pencils for computer sheets.

For each examination you will be given 2 hours to write the exam, I find that most students can finish in somewhat less time.

The examinations are multiple choice and while I would expect some slight overlap, i.e. basic concepts and knowledge of legal process may carry over, most of the material on the second exam is from the second half of the course materials. In other words, the tests are not cumulative.

Students are required to write both exams, there will be no exceptions to this requirement.

Grades will not be adjusted on the basis of need. Students will *not* be given the opportunity to improve their grades by completing extra assignments. Accordingly, keep up with the materials, do the practice tests, and monitor your own performance and understanding of the materials. Your grades are *your* responsibility. Please feel free to ask questions by email or by posting them on the course web site.

If you are unable to write the MOS2275 final based on the above policy, please contact your instructor immediately; then forward your application for a special examination, with appropriate supporting documents, to your instructor as soon as possible. Your application will be processed by the director of Management and Organizational Studies and finally by the Dean's office.

### **Student Absences Due to Illness**

Students who are unable to meet a course requirement due to illness in any form should advise the instructor at the earliest opportunity. The instructor may, at his discretion, require submission of medical certificates for verification of absence for reasons of illness, especially when this coincides with a significant assessment period.

For further information see:

Academic and Administrative Policies:

### **English Proficiency**

Students are reminded that University Policy requires proficiency in English to be taken into account in the assignment of grades in all courses.

See:

### **Scholastic Offences**

Cheating on an examination or any other scholastic offence may be subject to penalties ranging from reprimand to expulsion from the University. Scholastic offences include, but are not limited to:

- Cheating on an examination or falsifying material subject to academic evaluation.
- Submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials.
- Submitting a false medical or other such certificate under false pretenses.
- Improperly obtaining or unauthorized possession of an examination paper, however obtained, prior to the date and time for the writing of such examination.

- Impersonating a candidate at an examination or availing oneself of the results of such impersonation.
- Intentionally interfering in any way with any person's scholastic work.
- Submitting for credit any academic work for which credit has been previously obtained or is being sought in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere.

For further information see:

<http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2011/pg112.html>

*Appeal Process:*

See the appeal procedure outlined in the *Academic Calendar*

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<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TOPIC:</u>	<u>ASSIGNED READING</u>
May 9	Introduction to law	Ch 1,2
May 16	The Law of Torts	Ch 4, 5, 6
May 23	The Law of Contract, Intro, Consideration	Ch 7,8
May 30	The Law of Contract, Capacity, Writing	Ch 9,10
June 6	The Law of Contract, Failure to contract, Privity	Ch 11, 12
June 13	The Law of Contract, Performance, Breach of Contract	Ch 13, 14

June 20	Electronic business, Agency	Ch 15 (9th Edition) Ch 15, 16 (8th Edition)
June 25	<b><i>MIDTERM TEST</i></b> <b><i>45%</i></b>	
June 27	Partnership, Corporate law	Ch 16, 17 (9th Edition) Ch 17, 18 (8th Edition)
July 4	Employment law, Labour law	Ch 19, 20 (9th Edition) Ch 20, 21 (8th Edition)
July 11	Sale of Goods, Consumer protection	Ch 22, 28 (9th Edition) Ch 23, 24 (8th Edition)
July 18	Real Property, Mortgages	Ch 23, 24 (9th Edition) Ch 28, 29 (8th Edition)
July 25	Security for debt	Ch 30 (9th Edition) Ch 32 (8th Edition)