

The University of Western Ontario
Management and Organizational Studies 2275A – Section 004
CANADIAN BUSINESS LAW

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CLASSES: 9:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m. Thursdays in SSC 2036

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: UWO strives at all times to provide accessibility to all faculty, staff, students and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities. Please contact the course instructor if you require material in an alternate format or if you require any other arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 #82147 for any specific questions regarding accommodation. More information about “Accessibility at Western” is available at: <http://accessibility.uwo.ca>. All requests for exam or quiz accommodations due to illness or special circumstances must be made to the Academic Counselling office and not to the instructor.

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CLASS SCHEDULE AND ASSIGNED READINGS

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
September 8	General Introduction	Chapter 1
September 15	The Legal System and the Resolution of Disputes	Chapters 2 and 3
September 22	Tort Law and Insurance	Chapters 4 and 5
September 29	NO CLASS	
October 6	Contracts I – The Formation of Contracts	Chapters 6 and 7
October 13	Contracts II –Mistake, Misrepresentation, Duress	Chapter 8
October 20	Contracts III – Breach of Contract and Termination of Contract	Chapter 9
October 27	MID-TERM EXAM	Chapters 2 – 9 inclusive
November 3	Employment Law	Chapter 10
November 10	Agency, Sole Proprietorships and Partnerships	Chapter 11
November 17	Corporations	Chapter 12
November 24	Sale of Goods, Consumer Protection and Debtor and Creditor Law	Chapters 15 and 16
December 1	Real, Personal and Intellectual Property, Internet Law	Chapters 13 and 14
Exam Period	FINAL EXAM	Chapters 10 – 16 inclusive