

BUSINESS LAW BSMG 6203

Course Outline

Description: Understand various legal relationships in business. This course introduces Canadian Business Law including: forms of business organization, contracts, negligence, leasing, financing, labour and employment, e-commerce, intellectual property, international business transactions, conflict resolution and negotiation. Through in class practice, learn how to identify and analyze legal issues as they relate to your business.

Course Goals: The goal of this course is to enable students to identify, analyze and make decisions pertaining to legal issues in business.

Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of Canadian business law and general legal principles as they apply to business
- Identify and analyze legal issues including forms of business organization, contracts, negligence, leasing, financing, labour and employment, e-commerce, intellectual property, international business transactions, conflict resolution and negotiation
- Understand various legal relationships found in the business environment
- Understand, analyze and interpret different types of business contracts

Evaluation:

You will be evaluated on the basis of two midterm exams (25% each), a final exam (35%) and participation mark (15%).

Midterm Exam #1 will be written in class on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Midterm Exam #2 will be written in class on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Final Exam will be written in class on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Exams will be closed-book and may consist of both multiple-choice and short answer questions. No electronic devices or paper aids (i.e. dictionaries) will be allowed at the midterm tests or final exam.

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Policy on Cheating and Academic Misconduct:

Academic honesty is a cornerstone of conduct at Western University. We cannot have freedom of expression without integrity. Students are responsible for understanding the nature of and avoiding the occurrence of plagiarism and other academic offences; please refer to the section on “Scholastic Offences” in the current University Academic Calendar, or on the web at <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca>. Such offences include plagiarism, cheating on an examination, submitting false or fraudulent assignments or credentials, impersonating a candidate, or submitting for credit in any course any academic work for which credit has previously been obtained or is being sought in another course in this University or elsewhere (without the knowledge and approval of the instructor to whom the work is submitted). Students enrolled in non-degree courses are expected to abide by the University’s code of conduct.

Code of Student Conduct:

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at Western University, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For the complete Code of Student Conduct: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>.

Course Schedule:

ASSIGNED READINGS AND CLASS TOPICS

<u>Week/Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
1. Week 1	The Canadian Legal System	Chapter 1
2. Week 2	Torts and Professional Liability	Chapter 2
3. Week 3	Formation of Contracts	Chapter 3
4. Week 4	Enforcing Contractual Obligations	Chapter 4
5. Week 5	MIDTERM EXAM #1 (25%)	Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4
6. Week 6	Legislation in the Marketplace	Chapter 5
7. Week 7	Agency and Employment	Chapter 6
8. Week 8	Methods of Carrying on Business	Chapter 7
9. Week 9	MIDTERM EXAM #2 (25%)	Chapters 5, 6 and 7
10. Week 10	Property	Chapter 8
11. Week 11	Ideas and Information	Chapter 9

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12. Week 12	Electronic Commerce and International Trade	Chapter 10
13. Week 13	Final Exam (35%)	Chapters 1-10