

BUSINESS LAW BSMG6203

Course Outline (online)

Description:

An introduction to Canadian business law, including tort law, contracts, property, employment, partnerships, corporations, debtor and creditor, bankruptcy and insolvency, sale of goods and consumer protection. Cases and current events are used to illustrate legal issues and to solve legal problems.

Course Goals:

To develop an understanding of Canadian business law and general legal principles as they apply to business.

This is an online course, there are notes posted covering the readings for each week of the course, these notes are to be read in conjunction with the text. At the end of the notes for each chapter covered there are discussion questions to assist with ensuring students understand the course materials. Students are advised to keep pace with the reading schedule – there is no live chat time, students access the materials on their own schedule.

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

- To be able to identify and analyze legal problems and issues as they relate to business.
- To understand various legal relationships found in the business environment.
- To understand various different types of business contracts.
- To familiarize students with legal issues including torts, negligence, contracts, forms of business organization, property, debtor and creditor, labor and employment, business and dispute resolution

Texts:

TBD

Evaluation:

Test 1 = 30%

Test 2 = 30%

Test 3 = 40%

Notes on assignments (papers and reports):

- Must be academic in style and content
- Must have a clear focus
- Must present ideas in a logical and well thought-out flow
- Arguments, analysis and conclusions must be based on clearly identified research and sources
- Must cite all references from other sources
- Must be in paragraph format
- Must be double-spaced, and typewritten
- Must follow APA style

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Grading:

A+	90-100	One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
A	80-89	Superior work which is clearly above average
B	70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory
C	60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D	50-59	Fair work, minimally acceptable
F	below 50	Fail

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>.

Plagiarism:

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

When will I receive my grades?

Final grades will be available 2 weeks after the last scheduled day of the course. A grade report can be printed from myWCS.

How do I hand in assignments?

All assignments will be submitted electronically through OWL using the assignment tool. Failure to meet deadlines without the instructor’s written permission will be subject to the late assignment policy. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all assignments forwarded to the instructor arrive before the due date. If you experience difficulty in submitting assignments through OWL, you are responsible for contacting the instructor and arranging an alternate method of delivery (e.g. e-mail attachment) for the assignment.

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Course Schedule:

Date:	Topic	Assigned Reading
Week 1	Introduction to Law	Ch 1, 2
Week 2	The Law of Torts	Ch 4, 5, 6
Week 3	The Law of Contract, Intro, Consideration	Ch 7, 8
Week 4	The Law of Contract, Capacity, Legality, Writing TEST #1 (covers chapters 1-8)	Ch 9, 10
Week 5	The Law of Contract, Failure to contract, Privity	Ch 11, 12
Week 6	The Law of Contract, Performance, Breach of Contract	Ch 13, 14
Week 7	Agency	Ch 15
Week 8	Partnership, Corporate Law TEST#2 (covers chapters 9 -15)	Ch 16, 17
Week 9	Employment, Labour Law	Ch 19
Week 10	Sale of Goods, Consumer protection	Ch 21, 27
Week 11	Real Property, Mortgages	Ch 22, 23
Week 12	Security for Debt	Ch 29
Week 13	TEST # 3 (covers chapter 16,17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29)	

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