



BUSINESS LAW I
MOS 2275A
Section 550

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Course 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.

Antirequisite(s): Business Administration 4450A/B, Law 5510A/B, 5210A/B.

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

Students are responsible for ensuring that they have successfully completed all course prerequisites. If you do not have the prerequisites for this course, and you do not have written special permission from your Dean to enroll in this course, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Learning Objectives:

This course will enable students to identify, analyze and make decisions pertaining to legal issues in business. 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

Course Method:

Each week, we will discuss the assigned chapter via a PowerPoint presentation and/or class discussion. Presentations will be uploaded to OWL prior to class. Learning points will be summarized as key “take-aways” from the class discussion. As needed, practice questions will be distributed and discussed. (Questions/answers will not be posted on OWL.)

You are expected to come to class prepared and ready to ask questions/participate. Most importantly, I invite you to think critically, challenge ideas and debate me. (I love a good debate!) Opinions different than mine are welcomed and encouraged if done respectfully.

Class attendance is essential.

Textbook:

Legal Fundamentals for Canadian Business, Richard Yates, 4th Edition, ISBN 9780133370287

Methods of Evaluation/Assessment:

The course grade, out of 100, will be calculated as follows:

Component	Percentage of Course Grade	Date	Time	Location
Midterm Exam #1	30%	October 15	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	In class (A1)
Midterm Exam #2	30%	November 12	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	In class (A1)
Final Exam	40%	During the period Dec. 10 – 21	TBD	TBD

Exams are multiple choice and may include short answer questions, two hours long, and closed book. You are responsible for all assigned readings and handouts whether or not the material is discussed in class. Exams are designed to evaluate your ability to apply the learned material to novel fact situations and not simply to recall facts or concepts from the material.

No electronic devices or paper aids (i.e. dictionaries) will be allowed at the midterm tests or final exam.

Exams will be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Plagiarism is an academic offense and will be treated as such. Students who are in doubt as to the nature of this offence should consult their instructor, Department Chair, or Dean’s Office, as well as the Huron University College Statement on Plagiarism, available at the Reference Desk in the Huron University College Library and at www.huronuc.on.ca. In addition, students may seek guidance from a variety of current style manuals available at the Reference Desk in the

Huron University College Library. Information about these resources can be found at www.huronuc.on.ca/library&computing~styleguides

Missed Exams:

Students are required to complete all components of the course. No component will be dropped or reweighted. Please see the Appendix to Course Outlines on the OWL course site for specific instructions regarding missed exams.

Course Schedule:

ASSIGNED READINGS AND CLASS TOPICS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Readings</u>
September 10	The Canadian Legal System	Chapter 1
September 17	Torts and Professional Liability	Chapter 2
September 24	Formation of Contracts	Chapter 3
October 1	Enforcing Contractual Obligations	Chapter 4
October 8	Thanksgiving/Fall Reading Week	Class Cancelled
October 15	Midterm Exam #1 (30%) 6:30pm – 8:30pm	Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 4
October 22	Legislation in the Marketplace	Chapter 5
October 29	Agency and Employment	Chapter 6
November 5	Methods of Carrying on Business	Chapter 7
November 12	MIDTERM EXAM #2 (30%) 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	Chapters 5, 6 and 7
November 19	Property	Chapter 8
November 26	Ideas and Information	Chapter 9
December 3	Electronic Commerce and International Trade	Chapter 10
Mid-year Exam Period Dec. 10 – 21	Final Exam (40%)	Chapters 1-10



The Appendix to Course Outlines is posted on the OWL course site.