

**BLAW 025: Canadian Business Law**

Term: 2020 Winter Session

Instructor: Staff

Language of Instruction: English

Classroom: TBA

Office Hours: TBA

Class Sessions Per Week: 6

Total Weeks: 4

Total Class Sessions: 25

Class Session Length (minutes): 145

Credit Hours: 4

**Course Description:**

This course provides a fundamental introduction to Canadian Business law. Students will examine the legal issues and legal risk management related to business decision making in business context, with focus on the basic principles of contract law and tort law, which is essential to business transaction. Topics covered in this course include: tort law, contracts, property, employment, partnerships, corporations, debtor and creditor, bankruptcy and insolvency, sale of goods and consumer protection. Cases and current events will be used in the course to demonstrate legal issues and to solve business legal problems.

**Course Materials:**

1. **Lecture Notes**
2. **Textbook** (Select one from the following two):  
**Canadian Business and the Law**, 6th Edition, by Du Plessis, Dorothy. Nelson Education, Toronto, 2016.  
**Contemporary Canadian Business Law: Principles and Cases**, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Willes, John A. McGraw-Hill Ryerson Limited: Toronto, 2015.

**Course Format and Requirements:**



Class time will be used for a combination of lectures, class discussions, and student presentations. Students are strongly encouraged to participate in class discussion. Please do not use electronic devices such as phones, iPads, computers, etc. during the lectures.

### Attendance:

Attendance at lectures is vital to get a thorough understanding of the material. This course requires verbal participation in class exercises, activities, and contributions to class discussions. Students must be present and actively involved to receive these points. More than three unexcused absences will result in an automatic reduction in your participation grade, for instance from A- to B+.

### Grading Scale:

**A+: 98%-100%**

**A: 93%-97%**

**A-: 90%-92%**

**B+: 88%-89%**

**B: 83%-87%**

**B-: 80%-82%**

**C+: 78%-79%**

**C: 73%-77%**

**C-: 70%-72%**

**D+: 68%-69%**

**D: 63%-67%**

**D-: 60%-62%**

**F: Below 60%**

### Course Assignments:

#### **Quizzes**

Quizzes will usually consist of True-False, multiple choices and short answer essay questions. 6 quizzes will be given and the lowest will be dropped.

#### **Project**

INDIVIDUAL COURSE PROJECT will require researching and developing a response using materials assigned by the instructor. This project will have a 2,500 word minimum, written in the



appropriate style (APA) with full citations and reference listing. Final deliverables include a final paper and a 10-15 minute Presentation.

### Exams

Two midterms and a final will be given. They may not be taken early, made-up, or turned in late. Students must comply with all applicable instructions to receive credit. The Exams will include discussion questions and case problems. During the exams, each student must work individually without consulting others.

### Course Assessment:

Quizzes	10%
Project	15%
Midterm Exam 1	20%
Midterm Exam 2	20%
Final Exam	35%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Course Schedule:

Week 1- Class 1	Week 1- Class 2
Overview of the course; Go through syllabus; Self-introduction; Students form discussion group	The Legal Environment of Business: Knowledge of Law as a Business Assets; The Canadian Legal System The International Legal Environment of Business
Week 1- Class 3	Week 1- Class 4
The Legal Environment of Business: Risk management and business law Alternative Dispute Resolution	<b><u>Quiz 1</u></b> Contract Law : An Introduction to Contracts; Elements of A valid Contract; Forming a Contractual Relationship <b><u>Individual Project Instruction distributed</u></b>
Week 1- Class 5	Week 1- Class 6



Contract Law : The Terms of a Contract (Cont.); Non-enforcement of Contracts ; Termination and Enforcement of Contracts	<b><u>Quiz 2</u></b> Contract Law : Termination and Enforcement of Contracts (Cont.) Breach of Contract
Week 2- Class 7	Week 2- Class 8
Case study questions in class discussion <b>Review for midterm 1</b>	<b><u>Midterm exam 1</u></b>
Week 2- Class 9	Week 2- Class 10
Tort law: Introduction to Tort Law; Main Type of Tort; General Principles of Tort Law;	Tort law: Business Tort; Negligence;
Week 2- Class 11	Week 2- Class 12
Tort law: Intentional Torts; Unintentional Torts; <b><u>Individual Project Checkpoint 1</u></b>	<b><u>Quiz 3</u></b> Property: Personal Property; Intellectual property;
Week 3- Class 13	Week 3- Class 14
Property: Real property. Structuring Business Activity:	<b><u>Quiz 4</u></b> Agency relationship; Legal forms of Business: Sole Proprietorship, General Partnership, limited Partnership, limited Liability Partnership and corporation;
Week 3- Class 15	Week 3- Class 16
Corporate law Case study questions and in class discussion <b>Review for midterm 2</b>	<b>Midterm exam 2</b>
Week 3- Class 17	Week 3- Class 18
Employment : Introduction to Employment Law; The Employment Relationship;	Profession services Sales of good: The contract, product and Promotion;



Termination of the employment; <b><i>Individual Project Checkpoint 2</i></b>	
Week 4- Class 19	Week 4- Class 20
Sales of good: Price, distribution, and Risk Management Consumer protection	<b><i>Quiz 5</i></b> Financing the Business: Business and Banking; Debtor and Creditor;
Week 4- Class 21	Week 4- Class 22
Financing the Business: Bankruptcy and Insolvency	<b><i>Quiz 6</i></b> Transference of Risk: Insurance International business law
Week 4- Class 23	Week 4- Class 24
Environmental Law; Business, law and ethics;	<b><i>In-class Presentation of Individual Project</i></b>
Week 4- Class 25	<b><i>Final Exam (Cumulative): TBA</i></b>
Wrap-up; Review for Final Exam <b><i>Individual Project Due</i></b>	

**Academic Integrity:**

Students are encouraged to study together, and to discuss lecture topics with one another, but all other work should be completed independently.

Students are expected to adhere to the standards of academic honesty and integrity that are described in the Shanghai Normal University's *Academic Conduct Code*. Any work suspected of violating the standards of the *Academic Conduct Code* will be reported to the Dean's Office. Penalties for violating the *Academic Conduct Code* may include dismissal from the program. All students have an individual responsibility to know and understand the provisions of the *Academic Conduct Code*.

**Special Needs or Assistance:**



Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.