



Hunan University BLAW 11: Business Law

Professor: To be announced
Total contact hours: 54 hours
Credit: 4

Course Description

This course is an introduction to how the Canadian legal system works focusing on business laws. Topics include business-related aspects of the major areas of law, such as contracts, torts and property. Business-related legal cases will be analyzed. This course also addresses the role of legal counsel, when to engage legal counsel, and how to understand and work with legal counsel.

Textbook Information:

Textbook: *Canadian Business and the Law*
Author: D. DuPlessis, S. Enman, S. O' Byrne & P. King
Edition: 5th Edition
Publisher: Nelson Education
Publication Year: 2014

Recommended Book:

Textbook: *Taxing Ourselves: A Citizen's Guide the Great Debate Over Tax Reform*
Author: Slemrod & Bakija
Edition: 4th Edition

Grading

- Participation 20%
- Midterm Exam 40%
- Final Exam 40%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	



Course Schedule

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 hours and 15 minutes in length.
Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to the course
Law in A Business Context
Legal Risk Management
Reading: Textbook Chapters 1, 3

Class 2:

The Canadian Legal System
Constitutional Law
The Judicial System: Courts
The Administrative Justice System: Tribunals
Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 2, 4

Class 3:

Introduction to Contract Law
Forming Contractual Relationships
Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 5

Class 4:

Contract Law (Cont.)
Forming Contractual Relationships
The Elements of A Contract
Contract Law (Cont.)
The Terms of A Contract
Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 6, 7

Class 5:

Contract Law (Cont.)
Enforcement and Non-enforcement of Contracts Contract Law (Cont.)
Remedies for Breach of Contract
Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 8, 9

Class 6:

Contracts of Employment
Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 20, 21

Class 7:



Review of Contract Law

Contracts in the Age of the Internet

Review Reading: Textbook Chapters 5-9

Class 8:

Introduction to Tort Law

- Intentional Torts

- Torts in A Business Context

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 10, 12

Class 9:

Tort Law (Cont.)

- Negligence

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 11

Class 10:

Contracts of Insurance

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 28

Class 11:

Process of Legal Research

Class 12:

Forms of Business Association, Law of Agency (Cont.)

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 13, 14

Class 13:

Forms of Business Association

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 15, 16

Class 14:

Introduction to Property Law

Real Property and Mortgages

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 19

Class 15:

Property Law: Personal Property and Security Interests

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 17, 26

Class 16:

Property Law: Intellectual Property

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 18

Class 17:



Sale of Goods

Competition Law

Consumer Protection Law

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 23, 24

Class 18:

Negotiable Instruments

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 25

Class 19:

Law of Business Recovery and Failure

- Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act

- Bankruptcy and Insolvency

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 27

Class 20:

Environmental Law

Law in An International Business Environment

Class 21:

The Law of Professional Advisers

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 22

Class 22:

Making Sound Business Decisions on Legal Matters

- Hiring Legal Counsel: Who, When, Why, How Much It Costs

- Litigation: Costs and Consequences

- Risk Management on Legal Matters

Class 23:

Review, Q & A, Preparation for Final Exam

Class 24:

Final Exam

Attending Policy

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.



Policy on “Late Withdrawals”

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved ONLY in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

Academic Honesty

Hunan University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

General Expectations:

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

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.