

BUS 260A – Business Law

3 Credits, 16 weeks, 3 hours

Official course description

A general knowledge of the laws that govern the formation and effect of commercial contracts and the establishment and operation of business organizations are covered. The overall objective of the course is to provide the student with a practical background of commercial transactions so that the student can deal more effectively and confidently with such transactions. Topics include: laws of contract and tort; creation and organization of sole proprietorships, partnerships, joint ventures and corporations; laws affecting ownership of interest in land; and the nature of employment contracts, insurance agreements, leases, mortgages, agreements of sale, chattel mortgages, conditional sales agreements, debentures and contracts of sale.

Prerequisites: None

Instructor

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Hours of Instruction

Friday 1:00pm – 3:50pm

Required Resources

Business Law in Canada, Yates, Bereznicki-Korol and Clarke, 10 edition, ISBN 978-0-13-216441-2

Course Outcomes

The student will be able to:

1. Understand the role of a lawyer and impact of the legal system on business;
2. Know the techniques available for resolving disputes;
3. Demonstrate an understanding of contract and tort laws;
4. Understand the legal context of the employment relationship;
5. Understand corporations, sole proprietorships, joint ventures and partnerships; and
6. Obtain an understanding of those topics detailed in the course text.

Evaluation

Midterm	45%
Final Exam	55%
Total	100%

A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.

Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 93.9
	A	4.0	87 – 93.9
	A-	3.7	80 – 86.9
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9
Satisfactory Progression	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9
Poor	D+	1.3	57 – 59.9
Minimum Pass	D	1.0	50 – 56.9
Failure	F	0.0	< 50

Schedule of Topics

January 9, 2015	Introduction
January 16, 2015	Chapter 6: The Elements of a Contract
January 23, 2015	Chapter 7: The Elements of a Contract, continued
January 30, 2015	Chapter 8: Contractual Issues
February 6, 2015	Chapter 9: Terminating a Contract
February 13, 2015	Chapter 13: Real, Personal and Intellectual Property
February 20, 2015	Midterm
February 27, 2015	Reading Week, no class
March 6, 2015	Chapters 10 and 11: Employment Relationship, Agency, Sole Proprietor, Joint Venture and Partnership
March 13, 2015	Chapter 12: Corporations
March 20, 2015	Chapter 12: Corporations continued
March 27, 2015	Chapter 4: Torts
April 3, 2015	Good Friday, no class
April 10, 2015	Chapter 5: Negligence
April 17, 2015	Chapter 16: Security
April 20 to 24, 2015	Exam Week

Please Note:

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change. It is your responsibility as a student to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the forms for Withdrawal or Change of Registration, and any other forms. Please refer to the list of important dates as noted in the Academic Schedule in the Keyano College Credit Calendar.

Performance Requirements**Student Attendance**

Class attendance is useful for two reasons. First, class attendance maximizes a students' learning experience. Second, attending class is a good way to keep informed of matters relating the administration of the course (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your own learning and performance in this course.

It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Students who miss classes are responsible for the material covered in those classes and for ensuring that they are prepared for the next class, including the completion of any assignments and / or notes that may be due.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered to be responsible adults and should adhere to principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty may take many forms, such as:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as one's own
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating)
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications
- The willful distortion of results or data
- Substitution in an examination by another person
- Handing in the same unchanged work as submitted for another assignment

Penalties for academic offences range from a verbal reprimand to dismissal from the College, and in certain circumstances may involve legal action.

Specialized Supports**Counselling and Disability Services**

Counselling Services provides a wide range of specialized counselling services to prospective and registered students, including personal, career and academic counselling.

SKILL Centre

The SKILL Centre is a learning space in the Clearwater Campus at Keyano College where students can gather to share ideas, collaborate on projects and get new perspectives on learning from our tutorial staff.

The SKILL Centre, through a variety of delivery methods, provides assistance in skill development to Keyano students. Assistance is provided by instructors, staff and student tutors. Individuals wishing to improve their mathematics, writing, grammar, study, or other skills, can take advantage of this unique service.