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


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

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