

Course Title: ACC 205 Introduction to Business Law

Term: Fall 2022

Instructor: TBA

Course Credit: 3

Mode of Instruction: Online

Course Description:

An introduction to business-related legal, regulatory, global, and ethical issues. There are topics including contract law, intellectual property, employment law, business structures, and alternative dispute resolution. Classes are conducted by using text and actual case studies for the purpose of observing the development and application of legal principles in a business activity. Upon the completion of the course, students will gain a working knowledge of the legal framework within which formal business organizations must operate.

Course Prerequisites:

N/A

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of the course, the student should be able to:

- A. Having good command of the basic elements and definitions of business law;
- B. Explain the methods by which legal precedents are established and applied;
- C. Demonstrate a basic comprehension of the law of tort and contract;
- D. Relate legal principles to economic, political and social situations that may arise in the business world.

Course Material:

J.E. Smyth, Dan Soberman, Alex Easson, Shelley McGill, 2019, *The Law and Business Administration in Canada*, 15th edition, Pearson.

Evaluation:

- Assignments [40%]
- Mid-term Exam [25%]
- Final Exam [35%]

Description of the Evaluation tasks:

Assignment/ Essay/ ... : During the term, students will be required to finish several evaluation tasks within due date. All the tasks are linked with specific course topics/outcomes and will adequately assess students' competence and learning outcomes. Students are encouraged to meet with instructor about these tasks at any point.

Mid-term/ Final Exams/ Quiz/... : There may be periodic quizzes given at the beginning of lecture sessions; the feedback from these quizzes will monitor the progress of the learners and help to set learning priorities. There will be mid-term exam/ final exam for the course. They are the basic criteria for the evaluation of students' learning outcomes and final grade.

Grading Policy:

Students are supposed to finish each online lecture. Prior to each class, students should finish the required readings. During the class time, students are encouraged to make use of all relevant online course resources and communicate with the instructor. Students' grades are accumulated based on the cumulative evaluations.

Students' letter grade will be assigned according to the following scale:

A+ 90-100	A 85-89	A- 80-84
B+ 77-79	B 73-76	B- 70-72
C+ 67-69	C 63-66	C- 60-62
D+ 57-59	D 53-56	D- 50-52
F < 50		

Academic Integrity:

Students must strictly adhere to the university's academic integrity rule; and all essays, exams and any other form of academic assignments must adhere to these rules. Any form of plagiarism, cheating, or misappropriation of materials will be considered a violation of academic integrity and will be punishable by the university.

Withdrawal from the Course(s):

Students will be able to apply for a transfer or withdrawal within 3 days of the starting date of the course. If a withdrawal is applied for within 3 working days, the tuition fee will be fully refunded. After 3 days, the tuition fee will not be refunded. If a withdrawal is applied for in the first two weeks, it will be recorded as W (Withdraw) on the course transcript. After this initial two-week period, the class will be recorded as F (Fail).

Tentative Schedule:

Week 1	
1	The Law in Its Social and Business Context
2	The Law of Torts
3	Professional Liability: The Legal Challenges
4	Formation of a Contract: Offer and Acceptance
5	Formation of a Contract: Consideration and Intention Assignment#1

Week 2	
6	Formation of a Contract: Capacity to Contract and Legality of Object
7	Grounds Upon Which a Contract May Be Set Aside: Mistake and Misrepresentation
8	Writing and Interpretation
9	Privity of Contract and the Assignment of Contractual Rights
10	The Discharge of Contracts Assignment#2
Week 3	
11	Breach of Contract and Its Remedies
12	Special Types of Contracts
13	Mid-term Exam
14	Property
15	Business Organizations: Their Forms Assignment#3
Week 4	
16	Business Organizations: Operation and Management
17	Secured Transactions
18	Creditors' Rights
19	International Business Transactions
20	International Business Transactions Assignment#4
Week 5	
21	Electronic Commerce
22	Privacy
23	Technology Infrastructure for Electronic Commerce
24	Business Concepts and Social Issues
25	Final Exam