

BCIT

British Columbia Institute of Technology

Course Outline Part A

School of: Business
Program: Business Administration
Option: BLAW 3100 Business Law

Hours/Week**Lecture: 2****Total Hours****Total: 60****Weeks: 15****Term/Level****Credits:****Seminar (Lab): 2****Other:****Prerequisites****is a Prerequisite for:****Course No.****Course Name****Course No.****Course Name****Course Goals**

To enable the students to recognize and understand the legal aspects of doing business in Canada.

Course Description

This course provides the business student with a basic knowledge of Canadian law including the workings of the legal system, and the law of contracts, torts, sale of goods, consumer protection, secured transactions, creditors' remedies, employment, agency, partnership, corporations, personal property, insurance and real property.

Evaluation

Midterm Exam 1	25%
Midterm Exam 2	25%
Final Exam	25%
Seminar presentation & participation	25%
TOTAL	100%

The grade for Seminar participation is based on attendance, case presentations and participation in discussions.

Course Outline

BLAW 3100 Business Law (cont.)

Course Outcomes and Sub-Outcomes

1. To have a basic knowledge of the law and recognize legal issues as they arise and;
2. To have a general understanding of the law as it applies in business situations.
3. To learn to apply the rules of law to business situations;
4. To be able to communicate effectively with lawyers and regulators, and to have a basic knowledge of the law;
5. To design business practices and transactions to avoid legal problems;

Course Record

Developed by: Catherine Ryan Date: Sept. 5, 2001
Instructor Name and Department (signature)

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Recommended by: _____ Date: _____
Program Head Name and Department (signature)

Approved by: Chris Clark Start Date: Sept 06/11
Associate Dean/Dean Name and Department (signature)

BCIT**BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Course Outline Part B**

School of: Business
Program: Marketing
Option: BLAW 3100 Business Law

Effective Date

September 5, 2001

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Texts and Equipment

Required: 1. Business Law in Canada, 6th edition, R. Yates
 2. Business Law in Canada Casebook, 3rd edition, D. Davis

Recommended: Business Law in Canada Study Guide and Workbook, R. Yates

Course Notes (Policies and Procedures)

Students will study the topics covered in the text, Business Law in Canada, according to the schedule as set out in the course outline attached in Part B.

Each week there will be two lectures of one hour each and two one- hour seminars. Seminars will be used for discussion of the material covered and for student presentations.

Cases in the casebook will be studied as examples of the application of legal principles. Students will present their own analyses of the cases in the seminar hour.

Attendance at lectures and seminars is expected. For examination purposes, students are responsible for all material covered in the text, lectures and seminars.

Instructors are available to assist students during the office hours posted at our offices, as well as by appointment. Please feel free to call at any time at the above noted telephone numbers.

Mid-term exams will be held during lecture periods and reviewed in seminars. Every effort will be made to follow the attached schedule; however, changes may be required due to school events.

Assignment Details

Students are expected to make group presentations of case briefs relevant to topics being studies. Cases will be assigned in seminars for presentation to the class.

Format

**Two lectures – 1st on Wednesday
2nd on Thursday followed by**

Two seminars – as per your timetable.

I.D. Required in Exam Halls

Effective December 2000, students will be required to produce photo-identification for admittance to examination halls. Photo I.D. must be placed on the desk while writing the exam, for inspection by invigilators. Students should bring a BCIT OneCard, or alternatively two pieces of identification, one of which must be government photo I.D. such as a drivers license. Please see BCIT Policy # 5300, Formal Invigilation Procedures.

BLAW 3100 - Course Outline: Lecture Topics Seminar Cases and Assigned Readings

Wed. Sept. 5 **Introduction to the course and introduction to the legal system:**
structure of Canadian court system, civil litigation, judgment and enforcement, limitation periods.
Yates: chapter 2 pp. 30-45

Thur. Sept. 6 **Introduction to the legal system:** categories, origins and sources of law, Confederation, legislation, Constitution, Charter of Rights and Freedoms
Yates: chapter 1 pp. 2-26

Seminar: Introductions, initial questions, how to brief a case
Case: R. v. T.L. CB (casebook) p. 8
Lauzier v. Ranger CB p. 16

Wed. Sept. 12 **Alternative Dispute Resolution**
Yates: chapter 2 pp. 46-58

Thur. Sept. 13 **The Law of Tort: intentional torts**
Yates: chapter 4 pp. 108-120

Seminar #1: Students sign up for in-class case presentations.
Case: National Ballet of Canada v. Glasco CB p. 31-33
Dykun v. Odishaw et al. CB p. 41
Novak v. Bond CB p. 14, CB p. 20

Seminar #2: Administrative law: review of Yates: chapter 3 pp. 63-83

Wed. Sept. 19 No Lecture: [Shinerama]

Thur. Sept. 20 **The Law of Tort: negligence and strict liability**
Yates: chapter 4 pp. 121-138

Seminar #1: Case: : Malette v. Shulman CB p. 43
Hill v. Church of Scientology CB p. 47
Hodgson v. Canadian Newspapers Co. Ltd. CB p. 50
Parlee (Guardian ad Litem of) v. Port of Call Holdings CB p. 52

Seminar #2: Case M'Alister (or Donoghue) v. Stevenson CB p. 56
Stewart v. Pettie CB p. 58
Ingles v. Tutkaluk Construction Ltd. CB p. 62
Jacobson v. Nike Canada Ltd. CB p. 60
Queen v. Cognos CB p. 76

Wed. Sept 26 **The Law of Tort: Liability of Professionals and Other Business Torts**
Yates: chapter 3, pp. 138-152

Thur. Sept. 27 **Formation of contracts: consensus, offer and acceptance**
Yates: chapter 5, pp. 156-172

Seminar #1: Case: LaFlamme Inc. v. Prudential-Bache Commodities CB p. 64
Deraps v. Coia et al. CB p. 70
Hercules Managements Ltd. v. Ernst & Young et al. CB p. 72
Kripps v. Touche Ross Co. et al. CB p. 74

Seminar #2: Case: Gateway Realty v. Arton Holdings CB p. 85
Campbell v. Sooter Studios CB p. 86
Mlodzinska et al. v. Malicki et al. CB p. 87
Hyde v. Wrench CB p. 89
Drabinsky v. Heffel Gallery Ltd. CB p. 89
Eastern Power Ltd. v. Azienda Comunale Energia CB p. 91

Wed. Oct. 3 **Formation of Contracts: consideration and the writing requirement**
Yates: chapter 5, pp. 173-180; 201-206
Omit parts of "Statute of Frauds" that have been abolished in B.C.
Handout Law and Equity Act

Thur. Oct. 4 **Formation of contracts: capacity, legality and intention to contract**
Yates: chapter 6, pp. 185-200
Omit section titled "Necessaries and Beneficial Contracts" p. 186
Handout Infants Act

Seminar #1: Case: Degoiesbriand v. Radford CB p. 94
Central London Property Trust v. High Trees CB p. 95
Mod-Chem Health Care Inc. (Re) CB p. 96

Seminar #2: Case: Re Collins CB p. 96
Cerilli v. Klodt CB p. 98
Boyd v. Newton CB p. 99

Wed. Oct 10 **Factors affecting the contractual relationship: mistake, misrepresentation, undue influence, duress, unconscionability**
Yates: chapter 7, pp. 210-231

Thur. Oct. 11 **EXAM # 1 [Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6]**

Seminar #1: One seminar only this week due to Thanksgiving on Oct. 8th