

# BLAW 3410 – BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

(Winter/Spring 2000)

## Course Outline

**FORMAT:** One lecture per week (15:30 - 17:20 each Wednesday)  
One seminar per week (10:30 - 12:20 each Tuesday (Set B))  
(09:30 - 11:20 each Wednesday (Set A))

**TEXT:** Richard Yates, *Business Law in Canada* (5<sup>th</sup> ed.) - recommended  
D. Davis, *Business Law in Canada Casebook* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) - required

### **COURSE OBJECTIVE:**

To enable the student to recognise and understand the legal aspects of doing business in the context of international trade.

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

This course provides the student with basic knowledge of that part of Canadian law which will be encountered in international trade situations, including the workings of the Canadian legal system; the law of tort, bailment, contract, agency, incorporated companies, carriage of goods by sea, marine insurance, bills of lading and letters of credit; the law relating to choice of forum (where to sue) and choice of governing law (which law applies); and the law relating to fluctuations in exchange rates and interest rates. Much of the subject-matter of the course will be illustrated in the later seminars by the facts of an in-depth case study.

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<b>EVALUATIONS:</b>	Midterm	35%
	Final Exam	45%
	Seminar Participation	20%

**BLAW 3410 – Course Outline: Lecture Topics**

January 5	Introduction to the course Introduction to the Canadian and British Columbia legal system
January 12	Law of torts: Intentional torts Law of torts: Negligence
January 19	Law of torts: Negligence cont. Law of bailment
January 26	Law of contracts: Formation of contracts
February 2	Law of contracts: Formation of contracts cont.
February 9	Law of contracts: Factors affecting the contractual relationship
February 16	Law of contracts: Factors affecting the contractual relationship cont.
February 23	Law of contracts: End of the contractual relationship
March 1	Law of Contracts: Remedies for breach of contract
March 8	No lecture - Mid-term Exam Week
March 15	No lecture - Spring Break
March 22	Law of agency
March 29	Employment law
April 5	Law of incorporated companies: Process of incorporation and the company as a separate legal entity
April 12	Law of incorporated companies: Duties of officers and directors and rights of shareholders
April 19	Partnership law and the law of joint ventures
April 26	Carriage of goods by sea: the Hague-Visby Rules and the <i>Bills of Lading Act</i>
May 3	Law of letters of credit
May 10	Jurisdiction and governing law Law of currency and interest rate fluctuations
May 17	Law of marine insurance: the <i>Marine Insurance Act</i> and the Institute Cargo Clauses
May 24	No lecture: Final Exam Week