



## Nanchang University BLAW 11: Business Law

**Credit:** 4

### ***Contact Hours***

This course is composed of 24 lecture sessions, 3 tutorial sessions and 9 office contact hours. Each lecture session takes 2 contact hours in length; each tutorial session takes 3 contact hours in length; There will be a Q-A review session (3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours) at the end of this term. This course has 72 contact hours in total.

### ***Course Description***

This course is an introduction to how the Canadian legal system works focusing on business laws. Topics include business-related aspects of the major areas of law, such as contracts, torts and property. Business-related legal cases will be analyzed. This course also addresses the role of legal counsel, when to engage legal counsel, and how to understand and work with legal counsel.

### ***Required Material***

*Canadian Business and the Law* by D. DuPlessis, S. Enman, S. O' Byrne & P. King

Edition: 5th Edition

Publisher: Nelson Education

Publication Year: 2014

### ***Reference Book***

*Taxing Ourselves: A Citizen's Guide the Great Debate Over Tax Reform* by Slemrod & Bakija

Edition: 4th Edition

### ***Grading***

- Participation 10%
- Homework and Assignments 20%
- Midterm 30%
- Final Exam 40%

A+ 96-100	A 90-95	A- 85-89
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B+ 82-84	B 78-81	B- 75-77
C+ 71-74	C 66-70	C- 62-65
D 60-61	F < 60	

### ***Assignment***

All homework assignments must be submitted prior to the due date. **Late assignments are not accepted.**

Students are encouraged to study in groups: it will make studies productive and fun. However, remember: all assignments must be submitted individually.

### ***Course Schedule***

The course has 24 class sessions in total. All sessions are 2 contact hours in length. At the end of this term, there will be a Q-A review session(3 contact hours) and Final Exam (3 contact hours).

Note: the course outline and required readings are subject to change.

Class 1:

Introduction to the course

Law in A Business Context

Legal Risk Management

Reading: Textbook Chapters 1, 3

Class 2:

The Canadian Legal System

Constitutional Law

The Judicial System: Courts

The Administrative Justice System: Tribunals

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 2, 4

Class 3:

Introduction to Contract Law

Forming Contractual Relationships

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 5

Class 4:

Contract Law (Cont.)

Forming Contractual Relationships

The Elements of A Contract

Contract Law (Cont.)

The Terms of A Contract

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 6, 7

Class 5:



Contract Law (Cont.)

Enforcement and Non-enforcement of Contracts Contract Law (Cont.)

Remedies for Breach of Contract

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 8, 9

Class 6:

Contracts of Employment

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 20, 21

Class 7:

Review of Contract Law

Contracts in the Age of the Internet

Review Reading: Textbook Chapters 5-9

Class 8:

Introduction to Tort Law

Intentional Torts

Torts in A Business Context

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 10, 12

Class 9:

Tort Law (Cont.)

Negligence

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 11

Class 10:

Contracts of Insurance

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 28

Class 11:

Process of Legal Research

Class 12:

Forms of Business Association, Law of Agency (Cont.)

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 13, 14

Class 13:

Forms of Business Association

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 15, 16

Class 14:

Introduction to Property Law

Real Property and Mortgages

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 19



Class 15:

Property Law: Personal Property and Security Interests

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 17, 26

Class 16:

Property Law: Intellectual Property

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 18

Class 17:

Sale of Goods

Competition Law

Consumer Protection Law

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapters 23, 24

Class 18:

Negotiable Instruments

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 25

Class 19:

Law of Business Recovery and Failure

Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act

Bankruptcy and Insolvency

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 27

Class 20:

Environmental Law

Law in An International Business Environment

Class 21:

The Law of Professional Advisers

Prep Reading: Textbook Chapter 22

Class 22:

Making Sound Business Decisions on Legal Matters

Hiring Legal Counsel: Who, When, Why, How Much It Costs

Class 23:

Litigation: Costs and Consequences

Risk Management on Legal Matters

Class 24:

Review, Q & A, Preparation for Final Exam



## ***Attending Policy***

Regular and prompt attendance is required. Under ordinary circumstances, you may miss two times without penalty. Each absence over this number will lower your course grade by a third of a letter and missing more than five classes may lead to a failing grade in the course. Arriving late and/or leaving before the end of the class period are equivalent to absences.

## ***Policy on "Late Withdrawals"***

In accordance with university policy, appeals for late withdrawal will be approved **ONLY** in case of medical emergency and similar crises.

## ***Academic Honesty***

Nanchang University expects all students to do their own work. Instructors will fail assignments that show evidence of plagiarism or other forms of cheating, and will also report the student's name to the University administration. A student reported to the University for cheating is placed on disciplinary probation; a student reported twice is suspended or expelled.

## ***General Expectations:***

Students are expected to:

- Attend all classes and be responsible for all materials covered in class and otherwise assigned;
- Complete the day's required reading and assignments before class;
- Review the previous day's notes before class and make notes about questions you have about the previous class or the day's reading;
- Participate in class discussions and complete required written work on time;
- Refrain from texting, phoning or engaging in computer activities unrelated to class during the class period;
- While class participation is welcome, even required, you are expected to refrain from private conversations during the class period.

## ***Special Needs or Assistance***

Please contact the Administrative Office immediately if you have a learning disability, a medical issue, or any other type of problem that prevents professors from seeing you have learned the course material. Our goal is to help you learn, not to penalize you for issues which mask your learning.