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Overview
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This document provides a general overview of the Business Law course and the student resources available.

Course description

Business Law is one of four general business courses in the CPA preparatory program that provide students with the opportunity to explore other areas relevant to the accounting and business profession. This course is designed to help you acquire a basic understanding of Canadian business law and gain an appreciation for its uses, applications and limitations.

Course outline

Business Law is designed to be a self-study course. As such, there is no prescribed schedule; it is up to you to determine when to read the materials and complete the assigned quizzes. You should plan on spending between 10 and 12 hours per week on the material. To successfully pass this course, you will be required to complete four assigned quizzes and write a final exam.

Course objectives

Upon completion of this course, you will be expected to have gained basic knowledge in the following areas:

- the Canadian legal system
- tort law and professional liability
- contract law
- business organizations, including sole proprietorships, partnerships and corporations, and how they are formed
- special selected topics, including insurance, sale of goods and consumer protection, debtor and creditor relations, employment, environment protection and international business
- property rights, including real property, personal property and intellectual property

Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.
Grading scheme

Weight

Assigned quizzes (four quizzes, 5% each) .......................................................... 20%
Final exam (three hours) ................................................................................. 80%

The final grade needed to pass the course is 50%.

Quizzes

Business Law has four assigned quizzes that will count toward your final grade (note that these are different from the sample chapter tests). Each assigned quiz consists of 10 multiple-choice questions. The quizzes are graded and assigned a score based on the correct responses. (For example, if you answered seven out of 10 questions correctly, you would receive 70% on that quiz.)

Quizzes may be completed at any time during the course; however, all quizzes must be completed the day before the final exam in order to be permitted to write the final exam. You may start a quiz and then save and complete it at a later time, but note that each question can only be attempted once. Quizzes are not timed.

Questions must be answered in the order that they appear. You cannot return to a previous question.

Final exam

The final exam is three hours long and consists of multiple-choice questions. The final exam tests material from the entire course. Contact your CPA regional office for more information on dates and scheduling processes.

Course resources

Textbook

The following is provided as an e-text for this course:


The e-text is accessed using the VitalSource link in D2L. The e-text also contains a comprehensive glossary of the terminology commonly used in the course material.

MyBusLawLab

This course uses an online learning tool called MyBusLawLab to help you study the material covered in the course. MyBusLawLab provides access to the following resources, which will enable you better understand the basic issues pertaining to Canadian business law:
• Assignments: In this section you will find the four assigned quizzes (which are required to be completed to write the final exam) as well as sample chapter tests (provided for study purposes only). The assigned quizzes are open until 11:55 p.m. the Thursday before the final exam. They must be submitted prior to writing the final exam.

• Study Plan: In the study plan, click on "All chapters" on the top-right side of your screen to see Chapters 1 through 16. The study plan contains a number of questions from each chapter that can be taken for practice. Note that these questions do not affect your grade.

• Multi-Media Library: This section contains a number of useful resources organized by chapter. Take some time to familiarize yourself with the content found in this section.

• Provincial Content (Optional): This section includes content relating to business law practices in the specific provinces. Note that this section is optional; you will not generally be tested on legislation specific to any one province.

If you do not feel you have a strong enough grasp of the material, you are encouraged to use all available resources to maximize your understanding of the materials. You can take the sample chapter tests multiple times to practise for the assigned quizzes.

Course discussion board

You have access to a course discussion board that is monitored by a course facilitator, and you are encouraged to take advantage of this resource. It is located on the My Home page on the top orange navigation bar. You can post questions for fellow students as well as the online course facilitator.

Required readings

Refer to the Required Readings document for an outline of the readings for each chapter and the topics covered in each of the four required quizzes.