

COURSE CODE: BUAD 209

COURSE TITLE: Business Law

Calendar Description

An overview of the law as it relates to business, including an examination of the fundamentals of tort law, contract law and special types of contracts commonly encountered by small business. A basic understanding of the law of torts and contracts will assist students to recognize and resolve simple legal problems of small businesses (also offered by Distance Education).

Prerequisite(s): BUAD 123 and 2nd year standing, or admission to any Post-Baccalaureate Diploma, or admission to the Culinary Management Diploma

Co-requisite(s): None

Prerequisite For: None

Substitutable Courses: None

Graduation Requirement: BBA & Diploma - Required

Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Accounting - Required

Culinary Management Diploma - Required

Transfer Credit: CPA, PMAC credit

Special Notes: Students with credit for BUAD 119 cannot take BUAD 209 for further credit

Credits: 3

Hours per Week: 3

Originally Developed: 1993

EDCO Approval: May 2017

CHAIR'S APPROVAL:



Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- identify legal concepts applicable to businesses in British Columbia.
- determine when it is appropriate to seek legal advice.
- apply basic legal concepts in the law of torts and contracts.
- analyze legal problems by applying proper legal methodology.
- debate legal issues commonly experienced by businesses in British Columbia.

Course Objectives

Objectives This course will cover the following content:

See the weekly course schedule below.

Professor

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Evaluation Procedure

Test #1 (as per schedule) **	15 %
Test #2 (as per schedule) **	15 %
Test #3 (held during final exam period) **	30 %
Term Work*	40 %
Total	100 %

* Term work will vary between professors and may include moot courts, assignments, case studies and/or quizzes. Each professor will explain the method of assessment for term work.

**Students must earn half of all available exam marks to achieve a passing grade in the course.

Required Materials

Bhalloo, S., Alexander, T., & Campo, G. (2025). *Canadian Business Law: A British Columbia Perspective*, 2nd ed. Emond.

Course Policy on the Use of Artificial Intelligence

Students are permitted to use AI tools for formative work such as gathering information or brainstorming but may not use them for any assessed work or final submission. Whenever generative AI tools are used, they must be appropriately cited. (See How to cite ChatGPT (apa.org))

Students can use AI tools to assist in proofreading, grammar checking, and language refinement for written assignments where the student has composed the first draft. Students should keep in mind that AI revisions are only suggestions and that they are ultimately responsible for the quality of their submissions. Students may be asked by their instructor how they interacted with AI tools and be prepared to explain and justify their process. Students may also be asked by their instructor to submit their first draft composed without the assistance of AI tools. To that end, students must save the first draft composed without the assistance of AI tools.

Notes

Late assignments will not be accepted.

Final exams will only be rescheduled in accordance with the policy as set out in the OC calendar. An inconvenience to the student is not a valid reason for rescheduling an exam.

Course Schedule

(Subject to change at the discretion of the professor)

Date		Topic	Textbook
2025 Week of:		Wed, Sep 3 - Classes begin Fri, Sep 12 - Add/drop date - Last day to register for a course and last day to receive a refund for course drop Tue, Sep 30 - Statutory Holiday (no classes) Mon, Oct 13 - Statutory Holiday (no classes) Fri, Oct 24 - Last day to withdraw from a course without academic penalty Mon, Nov 10 - No classes Tue, Nov 11 - Statutory Holiday (no classes) Fri, Dec 5 - Last day of regularly scheduled classes Tue, Dec 9 - Thu, Dec 18 - Final exam period – see policy .	Chapter(s):
Week of:			Chapter(s):
Aug	30	Classes Begin: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 Introduction and Overview	N/A
Sept	7	Foundations of Business Law Registration Deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025	Ch. 1
	14	Resolving Disputes	Ch. 2
	21	Tort Law	Ch. 3
	28	No Class (Truth and Reconciliation): Tuesday, September 30, 2025 Test # 1 – Chapters 1-3	N/A
Oct	5	Understanding Contracts	Ch. 4
	12	Monday, October 13, 2025: No Class (Thanksgiving) Working with Contracts	Ch. 5
	19	Facilitating Business, Protecting Consumers & Safeguarding the Marketplace Test #2 – Chapters 4 – 6 Withdrawal Deadline: Friday, October 24, 2025	Ch. 6
	26	Forms of Carrying on Business	Ch. 7
Nov	2	Workplace Law	Ch. 10
	9	Indigenous Business & Economic Development in Canada No Class (Remembrance Day): Monday-Tuesday, November 10-11, 2025	Ch. 8
	16	Property Law I	Ch. 11

	23	Banking, Finance, and Creditor-Debtor Law	Ch. 9
	30	Property Law II – Intellectual Property Friday, December 5, 2025: Last Day of Classes	Ch. 12
Dec	9-18	Final Exam Period Test #3 – Chapters 7 – 12 (specific date and location TBD)	N/A

Skills Across the Business Curriculum

The School of Business promotes core skills across the curriculum. These skills include reading, written and oral communications, computers, small business, and academic standards of ethics, honesty and integrity.

Student Conduct

What is the Disruption of Instructional Activities?

At Okanagan College (OC), disruption of instructional activities includes student “conduct which interferes with examinations, lectures, seminars, tutorials, group meetings, other related activities, and with students using the study facilities of OC”, as well as conduct that leads to property damage, assault, discrimination, harassment and fraud. Penalties for disruption of instructional activities include a range of sanctions from a warning and/or a failing grade on an assignment, examination or course to suspension from OC.

Academic Honesty: Students have a responsibility to read the [OC Academic Integrity Policy](#).

What is Cheating?

“Cheating includes but is not limited to dishonest or attempted dishonest conduct during tests or examinations in which the use is made of books, notes, diagrams or other aids excluding those authorized by the examiner. It includes communicating with others for the purpose of obtaining information, copying from the work of others and purposely exposing or conveying information to other students who are taking the test or examination.”

Students must submit independently written work. Students may not write joint or collaborative assignments with other students unless the instructor approves it in advance as a group/team project. Students who share their work with other students are equally involved in cheating.

What is Plagiarism?

Plagiarism is defined as “the presentation of another person’s work or ideas without proper or complete acknowledgement.” It is the serious academic offence of reproducing someone else’s work, including words, ideas and media, without permission for course credit towards a certificate, diploma, degree and/or professional designation. The defining characteristic is that the work is not yours.

“Intentional plagiarism is the deliberate presentation of another’s work or ideas as one’s own.” Intentional plagiarism can be a copy of material from a journal article, a book chapter, data from the Internet, another student, work submitted for credit in another course or from other sources.” “Unintentional plagiarism is the inadvertent presentation of another’s work or ideas without proper acknowledgement because of poor or inadequate practices. Unintentional plagiarism is a failure of scholarship; intentional plagiarism is an act of deceit.”

What are the Students’ Responsibilities to Avoid Plagiarism?

Students must acknowledge the sources of information used on all their assignments. This usually involves putting the authors’ name and the year of publication in parentheses after the sentence in which you used the material, then at the end of your paper, writing out the complete references in a Reference section.

“Students are responsible for learning and applying the proper scholarly practices for acknowledging the work and ideas of others. Students who are unsure of what constitutes plagiarism should refer to the UBC publication “*Plagiarism Avoided; Taking Responsibility for your Work*”. This guide is available in OC bookstores and libraries.

Students are expected to understand research and writing techniques and documentation styles. The School of Business requires the use of the APA or MLA style but suggests that students cite references using the APA guidelines (see Publication

Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition (2009). A copy of the APA manual is available in the reference section and available for circulation from OC libraries. The library website has access to these two major citing styles.

What are the Penalties for Plagiarism and Cheating?

The Okanagan School of Business does not tolerate plagiarism or cheating. All professors actively check for plagiarism and cheating and the Okanagan School of Business subscribes to an electronic plagiarism detection service. All incidents of plagiarism or cheating are reported and result in a formal letter of reprimand outlining the nature of the infraction, the evidence and the penalty. The Dean of the School of Business and the Registrar record and monitor all instances of plagiarism and cheating. Penalties for plagiarism and cheating reflect the seriousness and circumstances of the offence and the range of penalties includes suspension from OC.

Last Updated: April 7, 2025 (New Academic Integrity Policy Link)